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# RTOC



## RTOC Wastegate 2nd Edition

Welcome to the 2nd Edition of our periodical newsletters, which aim to update you on the latest club news and let you know what is happening in our turbo-charged world. Here is an update of some of the events going on this year for the RTOC members, along with news of the clubs two big events of the year, details of what we're doing and who is who. Enjoy...

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## What have the RTOC team been keeping busy with?

The shows of Summer 2010 went down a treat and we were greeted with the usual team spirit of old and new members joining to bask in the sun and enjoy 2 great weekends put on by the RTOC. Due to personal commitments it's been a very long time since I put out the last newsletter so there's a lot to catch up on.

So much has been going on and many discussions have been had. We've had staffing changes on the committee and admittedly, we've had some teething issues which have been noticed by some. We can only apologise for this but strongly hope we can keep the support of the members, as the RTOC spirit is what keeps the club alive and kicking. It is one of the few member-funded clubs running on a non-profit basis that has been successful for over a decade—this is really something to be proud of.

In order for this to continue, we have some kinks to iron out so please help is work through this. We all have full-time jobs and/or families so we often cannot put in the time required to make the club run 100% smoothly.

### Area Reps

This is one of the most shouted about areas that our members have missed from the old site, Over the past months Ashy has been working hard on collating information on those who have applied to be a Regional Area Rep for the club. Decisions have since been made on who can cover which areas and these roles will really come into play in the coming show season—we will go into this in further detail in the following pages of the newsletter.

A big part of the old website was the interactive map which could be used to find other members within your local area. In the last newsletter we explained that this was being redesigned but unfortunately this has been put onto the back bench for a while due to other more important required site improvements. The idea is to be able to click onto your local area and find other local members, along with contact details for your Area Representative. Please get in touch with any member of the Committee or ask on the forum if you would like to know who yours is, or to offer your services in a similar role.

For now, I have created an online map that we can all add ourselves too, please see [THIS LINK](#) for details

## Events Changes

If you haven't been in the National Day section of the forum yet then why not? There are currently discussions happening on the possibility of changing the format and/or splitting our events up even more. We really need your say, so please do speak up if you can think of any ways to improve what we already do, or if you have new ideas on events we can attend or hold over the next year. If you have an idea but don't have the time or the know-how to arrange something, then please get in touch with your local Area Rep. If you'd like to offer your services, then please contact Big Steve, our Events Organiser and he'll be able to advise you.

## How We Work

Certain weaknesses within how the club has been working have recently come to light and as this is a club run by members, we understand it's important to hear your views. We won't be offended or take anything personally (well maybe a bit), but if we're doing something wrong and we're not told, then we can't fix it. Without the members the club wouldn't exist and I fully believe there is plenty of life left in the RTOC beast yet. Grrrrr!



### Contacts and Discounts

Dawn (D4WNO) has been in contact with many companies from nuts and bolts suppliers, insurance brokers, rally and race parts distributors and events companies. This is all for the benefit of the full members only, joining RTOC really does pay. If you have any suggestions or requests for companies for Dawn to contact regarding a desired discount, just get in touch with her directly via her profile. Please see the Contacts Section for further details of recently arranged discounts.

### Memberships

DaveSBS was previously keeping busy with the influx of members over the past year and has been in control of sending out membership packs on a regular basis. Due to personal commitment Dave had to give this up, and Penfold has taken this up and is working hard. He is also now working on updating the contents of the membership packs and striking some classy deals for you guys.

### Club Shop

Clee is the man when you need new carb-kits, RTOC emblazoned fleece jackets and show tickets. Lee has been successfully running the club shop from his own home and keeping a tight ship on the stock. Lee is always busy with stocking new items, sourcing new parts and maintaining the payment systems.

Remember, a discount is offered to all full paying RTOC members for anything bought from the shop, check out the discount thread which can be found by clicking on the below link:

[Members Shop Discount Codes](#)

If you have any suggestions for new items that you would like to see in the club shop, please do get in touch and let us know your ideas. If it is feasible and parts can either be sourced or made, then you could well see it in the shop within the next few weeks - You can only ask!

Learn what the Committee team have been working on in recent months...

### Site Down-Time

The vast majority of you were probably online at some point when the forums have simply disappeared in front of your eyes. Scoff and IanS have been taking control of getting the site up and running again as quickly as possible every time. They have both spent an awful lot of their own time now updating the web server and trying to make this more stable, and we are currently in discussions on where to take

“Let us know how we can improve the club for you”

this next. This of course isn't something to take lightly as without a site, we don't have a working club. I also regret that

Scoff has recently announced to the Committee that he will soon need to step down from his role due to personal commitments. We thank him very much for all of the man-hours and late nights/early mornings he has put in, and for building everything that we have now. If you are a member and are able to help out with his previous duties, please do get in touch, we need you.



### Parts and Group Buys

As you have seen on the forum, we've had some fantastic group buys arranged by the Committee team and members alike. The carb kits and orange dials always prove long-term favourites, especially with our friends from across the pond. More recently, members have sorted out Inner sill and bumper bracket repair panels, header tanks and caps, tubular manifolds, hoses and decals., We thank everyone who spends the time helping out like-minded members, this is what the club is all about. See what is currently available [HERE](#)



### We Need You!

With Ashy standing down from the Senior Ares Rep role, we have a position free. We need someone who is dedicated, has a passion for the club and has some free time to co-ordinate the other Area Reps. The role involves liaising with the Area Rep team, ensuring they have all been in touch with their local members about the upcoming events and that we get the best turnout possible. Please apply by contacting any member of staff if you are interested.

## Are you ready?

With only weeks until our two main events of the year, in usual RTOC fashion, I bet half of you don't have running cars yet, right? Thought so! Get cracking boys and girls. If you need any parts then pop a message up in the [WANTED](#) section of the classifieds and if you require any help, ask away. We're blessed to have some very giving members that are willing and ready to help in exchange for a nice bacon butty. Don't be afraid to ask, most of us are in the same boat remember.



## Know any Exhibitors or Traders?

Do you know anyone who works in a car parts or car related industry that may wish to have a free stand at our National Day? Last year we have Mike with his plethora of rare and needed Renault parts, along with a Meguires stand. We'd like to add to that so please feel free to get in touch with any suggestions and we'll see if we can accommodate them on the day.

## RTOC in the News

We would like to say a big congratulations to our RTOC member “Gibbo69” for only going and being awarded 2nd place at the Wirral & Cheshire Classic Car Show in the 80 to 90's car class. This is such a huge achievement and you've made us proud.

Well done Paul!

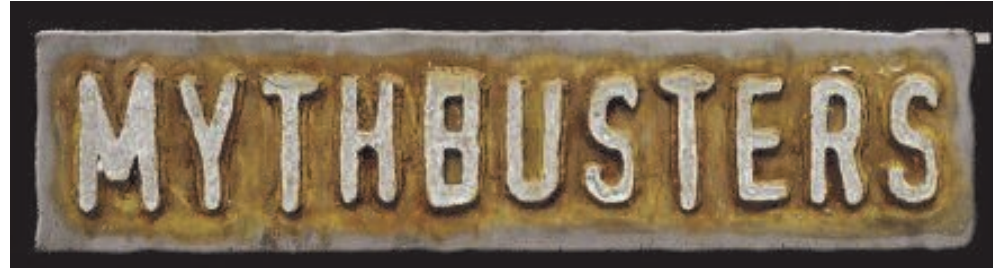


## Group Buys

Over the years, the Renault Turbo Owners club have been partial to a few group buys, and contrary to the situation we had last year with a drought, we have had LOADS these past few months. Please don't be disheartened if your idea doesn't get chosen to be sourced or made as there are lots of insurance and safety factors that we need to consider as a club before going ahead with anything like this. Get in touch if you have any ideas.

## How can you help?

There are actually quite a few ways in which you can help the club to grow and become stronger than ever before. With show season hot on our heels, advertising is key. We are known for being a predominantly Renault 5 GTT club but this isn't the case. If you can print off the flyers held in [THIS](#) section of the website and hand them out or place them on relevant vehicles at shows, we can spread the name of RTOC even more.



## Time to expel some myths...

### We're not just for Renault 5's

For those who have become a part of the furniture of the many years that the RTOC has been around, know that it originally began with a single car, the 5 GTT. Since then and for many reasons, the club has grown to include other vehicles of the Renault marquee and it's very important that this continues. As the number of 5's dwindle, as will the members and the events. We always knew that we may need to scale down at some point but we don't want it to be to the point of non-existence. Please let your friends know that along with the Retro Renault areas of the site, we also have Twingo, Megane and Clio sections of the forum and we'd love for them to join up.



### We're not here to make a profit

This may not be common knowledge to all but the RTOC is not a profit-making club, and this is fully intentional. We are registered as a club, rather than a business so in order to not pay tax and dwindle any money coming in from membership costs and merchandise being sold, we must not make any profit. Anything we buy in or arrange a group buy for is done purely on a cost price basis, plus things such as PayPal fees etc to bring it back into balance.

If a "loss" is made at an event, it is not a be all and end all situation as it seems. We make money back in other areas and it allows us to heavily subsidise track days and other events for the benefit of our members.

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## National Day Saturday 4th June 2011



## Mallory Park Leicestershire - Be there and support your club

After the great success of National Day 2010, where we actually made a profit (whoop), we are again returning to the one and only Mallory Park.

### New Twists and Bends

As voted by you, the members, we are having a new track layout this year. We will now be including Charlies, Stapleton's and Edwinas and will look something a little like the below. A lot of our members have proven their great track etiquette and have been congratulated on that, so more of the same please!

Please do also be warned that we have asked the track staff to be more vigilant this year and stricter with the flags, so you will be spotted if you misbehave and put into the sin bin (tut tut)

### Changes from Last year

After last years event there was a lot of talk about various things. The first being the sharing of wristbands and the abuse of the already heavily subsidized track time offered to the members. This year, track bands will only be handed out after ID, documentation and membership are checked to try and prevent this from happening again.

### Track Tuition Available

An idea concocted between Cleo and the boys from Track Action Online has come to life that we feel may greatly benefit our members. We have 2 ARDS qualified instructors available to us for the day that can be hired by anyone who wishes to improve their skills.

The cost is only £10 per session and this as you probably realize, has been very heavily subsidized by the club—we really hope that you take advantage of the great offer and come to enjoy your day even more!

The instructors are available in slots and full details of how to do so can be found in [THIS THREAD](#).

The TAOL boys will also be running the track briefing this year—they are experts in the field and know the track like the back of their hand; we can think of nobody better to do this.

## BUY YOUR TICKETS HERE



## RTOC @ Pod Friday 1st July 2011



## Another banging year of 1/4, booze, sun and camping

The time has nearly come again to get ourselves and our track monsters down to the famous Santa Pod. We've been lucky the past few years to be blessed with dry and hot says. Although the hot air may not be the best for our Renaults, it's great for catching a tan and drinking to (in the evening of course).

Last year was a big hit with members bringing friends and members from other clubs joining in too. For only £60 for

RTOC members and £80 for non-members, you'll be given a wristband that will permit you and your car onto the 1/4 mile strip, all day from 9am to 5pm, only interrupted by a lunch break.

I'm sure you'll agree that this is fantastic value and is massively discounted by the club. Check out the Pod Day area of the forum [HERE](#) for further details.

## £30 RTOC VOUCHER GIVEAWAY

Welcome to my new favourite feature, the gaming competition. Highest score wins you £30 to spend in the club shop on whatever you wish. This is how to register:

- Visit [www.miniclip.com](http://www.miniclip.com)
- Sign up for an account using the format; RTOC username (i.e RTOCDawno) so I can easily track who is who
- Go to this page and add the [RTOC Newsletter](#) as a friend; If you don't do this, your score won't be taken
- Now choose "Fragger" and enjoy
- Make sure you submit your high score by going back to the main menu, clicking SCORES and then clicking SUBMIT SCORES or it won't register.

Closing date for when the final scores will be taken  
**8pm 30th June 2011**

The game will change in each edition of the newsletter. Please check out the next one to see who won the Fragger comp. Good luck guys!

