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2017 SEASON NEWSLETTER

DEAR DRIVER / TEAM / SPECTATOR

THE 2017 STOCKCAR SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING.

AS I SAID LAST YEAR, I WILL BE TAKING A BACK SEAT FROM DAY TO DAY RUNNING OF THE STADIUM IN THE FUTURE.

I WILL ATTEND SOME BUT NOT ALL EVENTS.

THE THREE MUSKETEERS, ANGIE GOODY, PAUL FEARN AND ALAN LANCASTER HAVE KINDLY OFFERED TO TAKE OVER MY DUTIES.

ANGIE WILL LOOK AFTER :- CATERING

ADMISSION GATES, (SEASON TICKETS etc.)

WEB SITE UP DATES

AND ORGANISE OTHER EVENTS IN THE STADIUM.

ANGIE CAN BE CONTACTED ON 481 786

PAUL WILL LOOK AFTER THE GO-KARTS,

MONSTER TRUCK RIDES,

MINISTOX SCHOOL,

TRACK AND STADIUM PREPARATION.

PAUL CAN BE CONTACTED ON 388 401

ALAN WILL LOOK AFTER STOCK CAR MEETINGS

STADIUM TRACK STAFF

AND CONTINUE TO BE CLERK OF THE COURSE.

ALAN CAN BE CONTACTED ON 428 577

THE 2017 FIXTURE LIST HAS BEEN APPROVED BY ONCHAN COMMISSIONERS .

AS YOU CAN SEE WE HAVE A FULL AND VARIED LIST OF MEETINGS PLANNED.

ALL THE 2017 RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO DOWN LOAD, WE HAVE KEPT THE CHANGES TO A MINIMUM BUT READ YOUR CLASSES SPEC. THE CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE ARE ALL SAFETY RELATED.

FORMULA 2 SPECS WILL BE PUBLISHED ONCE BRISCA HAVE CONFIRMED THEM.

LICENCE APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD FROM THE WEB SITE, IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OLD, PART 2 MUST BE FILLED IN BY A PARENT / GUARDIAN AND RETURNED WITH PART 1.

**THE FIRST MEETING OF THE 2017 SEASON WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 23rd APRIL STARTING AT 2pm.
(PRACTICE FROM 1.15 PM)**

TO RECEIVE YOUR 2017 LICENCE FREE YOU HAVE TO RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO PAUL AT THE STADIUM or POST TO :-

**33 BIRCH HILL AVENUE, ONCHAN IM3 4ES
BEFORE THE 18TH APRIL, AND RACE AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SEASON.**

FOR LATER APPLICATIONS LICENCES WILL COST £ 40 AS LAST YEAR.

DUE TO STRICTER HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, ONLY DRIVERS AND DESIGNATED MECHANICS (OVER 18) WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE PIT AREA. ALL WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR OVERALLS. BEFORE ENTERING THE PIT AREA. (OVERALLS WORN CORRECTLY NOT TIED AROUND YOUR WAIST)

A REMINDER -NO CAR -NO PASS - NO FREE ENTRY. LICENCES ARE NOT SEASON TICKETS

ADMISSION PRICES REMAIN UNCHANGED FOR THE 4TH YEAR AND WILL BE :-

ADULT £7 CHILDREN £3 SENIOR CITIZENS £3

SEASON TICKETS WORK OUT AT HALF PRICE :-

ADULT £100 CHILDREN £50 SENIOR CITIZENS £50

A MESSAGE TO UNDER 16 YEAR OLDS THAT LOOK OLDER, PLEASE SHOW SOME FORM OF IDENTIFICATION OTHERWISE YOU WILL BE CHARGED ADULT ADMISSION PRICE.

REMEMBER FLAME RETARDANT PROBAN GLOVES ARE COMPULSORY, AND MUST BE WORN BY ALL DRIVERS WHILE PRACTICING OR RACING .

WHILE ON THE SUBJECT OF SAFETY :-

#17 IN THE RACEWAY RULES :- DRIVERS MUST REMAIN IN THEIR CARS WITH CRASH HELMET AND SAFETY HARNESS SECURLY FASTEND WHILST ON TRACK, AND SHOULD SIGNAL TO THE NEAREST MARSHALL (THUMBS UP IF THEY ARE OK) IF A MARSHALL THINKS A DRIVER IS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE THE RACE WILL BE STOPPED OR SUSPENDED.

Drivers staying in cars, this was introduced for the 2016 season, as a safety procedure and worked well, so will remain unchanged for 2017.

ORC STATEMENT 2016 :- this was enforced at tracks throughout the U.K.

With immediate effect, drivers will not be allowed to exit their cars whilst the race circuit is live i.e. under “green” racing conditions. This includes both drivers on the race track whose car has become immobilised and those who retire to the infield who must also remain in their cars with both their safety harness and helmet on. The only exception to this is where a car needs to be vacated in emergency conditions – i.e. fire etc. If a driver is in a car and feels unsafe they should indicate this to the marshal who will ask race control to suspend the race.

If a waved yellow caution or red flag race stoppage is instigated, drivers who are already on the centre must remain strapped in and with helmets on. Drivers who are in immobilised cars on other parts of the circuit may exit their cars whilst the race is suspended but must go into a designated area which is considered by the promotion to be the safest place to be whilst the race is live,(which may well be off the track completely)

Drivers will be informed of where this area is by means of a driver briefing or driver handout. Drivers who are still unsure of where this area is should ensure they find out where it is before racing by contacting the Clerk of the Course or another senior official.

Please note that the above covers all formulas and race tracks within the ORC.

Any drivers getting out of cars unnecessarily will miss the following race as a penalty.

FLAG SIGNALS. OUR TRACK STAFF MARSHAL THE TRACK IN ALL WEATHERS, THE FLAG SIGNALS AND TRAFFIC LIGHTS ARE USED FOR YOUR DRIVER SAFETY. IF DRIVERS DO NOT OBEY THE SIGNALS EITHER FLAGS OR TRAFFIC LIGHTS THEY WILL BE PENALISED BY MISSING RACES OR MEETINGS. THIS WILL BE COVERED IN THE DRIVERS BRIEFING BEFORE THE START OF THE SEASON.

A REMINDER :-

THE PIT AREA, TRACK, AND CENTRE GREEN ARE NO SMOKING AREAS DRIVERS IF YOU OR YOUR MECHANICS SMOKE IN THE PIT AREA YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LOAD UP !

NOTICE TO SPECTATORS WE HAVE ALSO BEEN TOLD THAT SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED IN EITHER GRANDSTAND, THIS INCLUDES E. CIGARETTES AND VAPES.

THE SEASON AHEAD -

THE RONNIE CAULFIELD SHEILD WILL BE AWARDED TO THE HIGHEST POINT SCORING F2 OR BANGER DRIVER HELD OVER THE FIRST 6 MEETINGS OF THE SEASON.

DELIVERY DRIVERS GRAND PRIX.

VAN DEMOLITION DERBY. MONDAY 5TH JUNE.

**THIS EVENT HAS BECOME A CROWD FAVORITE. REMEMBER THE RAMP LAST YEAR !!!!
THE RAMP MAY MAKE A RETURN IF THERE IS ENOUGH INTEREST. !!!
£50 WILL BE PAID TO EACH COMPETING DRIVER.
AS WITH THE OTHER DEMOLITIONS PRIZE MONEY AND 25 CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE OVERALL WINNER.**

(THERE WILL BE NO BANGERS RACING AT THIS MEETING)

ANY VAN / PICK UP CAN BE USED UP TO THE SIZE OF A LONG WHEELBASE TRANSIT, TWIN WHEELERS CAN BE USED BUT THE INSIDE REAR WHEELS MUST BE REMOVED.

**MID SEASON DEMOLITION DERBY SUNDAY 25TH JUNE 2pm.
PRIZE MONEY AND 25 CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNING DRIVER.**

FORMULA 2 MANX OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

MONDAY 24TH, THURSDAY 27TH, and SATURDAY 29TH JULY.

NATIONAL MINISTOX T.T.

THURSDAY 27TH, SATURDAY 29TH JULY AND MONDAY 31ST JULY.

END OF SEASON DEMOLITION DERBY

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER (2pm)

**THE 2017 SEASON WILL END WITH THE TRADITIONAL END OF SEASON DEMOLITION DERBY, PRIZE MONEY AND 25 CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE LAST CAR MOBILE.
THE POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP COULD BE DECIDED ON THIS EVENT.**

GENERAL POINTS OF INTEREST / REMINDERS

**ONCHAN COMMISSIONERS HAVE SEVERLEY CUT THE HEDGE AROUND THE PIT AREA, WHICH MEANS THAT ALL CARS WILL HAVE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE STADIUM AFTER A MEETING OR THE DAY AFTER AT THE LATEST.
SPEAK TO PAUL FEARN F2 #545 BEFORE LEAVING A CAR OVERNIGHT, THEN ENSURE THE BATTERY AND CAR HORN ARE DISCONNECTED.**

A LIST OF DRIVERS NAMES AND STARTING GRADES ARE SHOWN IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SECTION OF THE WEB SITE, PLEASE CHECK YOUR GRADE AND PAINT YOUR CAR BEFORE THE START OF THE SEASON.

NOVICE DRIVERS – ALL CLASSES -- NOVICES WILL START FROM THE REAR OF THE GRID, UNTIL THEY FEEL CONFIDENT, BUT WILL ONLY BEGIN TO ACCUMULATE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS ONCE THEIR BLACK AND WHITE STRIPES HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND THEY START ALL RACES FROM THE WHITE GRADE ON THE GRID.

NUMBERS -- ROOF FIN / AEROFOIL NUMBERS MUST BE BLACK ON A WHITE BACKGROUND MINIMUM SIZE 230MM HIGH 25MM BRUSH STROKES (9" TALL 1" THICK) NUMBERS ON THE SIDES OF THE CARS SHOULD BE AS LARGE AS POSSIBLE AND OF BRIGHT AND CONTRASTING COLOURS.

BADLY NUMBERED CARS WILL NOT BE LAP SCORED, AND ALSO IGNORED BY THE COMMENTATOR, LETS MAKE 2017 THE SEASON WHEN CAR PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION IS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH.

SCRUTINEERING

ALL CLASSES WILL BE STRICTER IN FUTURE, IF YOU ARE PREPARING YOUR CAR AND UNSURE ABOUT ANYTHING, RING UP OR ASK FOR ADVICE. IF CARS ARE UNSAFE THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RACE. THE DRIVER MUST BE PRESENT WHEN THEIR CAR IS BEEN SCRUTINEERED, WEARING THEIR RACING OVERALLS, AND HAVE THE CRASH HELMET AND GLOVES WITH THE CAR FOR INSPECTION.

SCRUTINEERING WILL START 1 HOUR BEFORE THE MEETING START TIME, DON'T ARRIVE LATE AND EXPECT TO PRACTICE IF YOUR CAR HAS NOT BEEN SCRUTINEERED, YOU COULD ALSO MISS THE FIRST RACE.

FUEL TANKS (ALL CLASSES) -

MUST BE SECURLEY BOLTED DOWN WITH ALL PIPES EXITING THE TANK FROM THE TOP. USING CORRECT TANK FITTINGS, BRAZED OR WELDED. CHEMICAL METAL, SILICON OR GUNGE TYPE MATERIALS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

ALL FUEL TANKS MUST BE FITTED WITH A NON RETURN VALVE IN THE BREATHER.

THESE CAN BE BOUGHT FROM :-

TMR SUPPLIES LTD. www.tmrsupplies.co.uk Tel 01282 500357 and cost £8 Alternatively we have the same for sale at the track £8 each.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS -- THESE MUST BE SECURLEY FASTENED IN THE CAR, NOT TAPED OR CABLE TIED IN POSITION. USE THE CORRECT BRACKET OR A TUBE WHICH THE EXTINGUISHER CAN FIT INSIDE AND HELD IN PLACE WITH A VELCRO STRAP OR BUNGY. ALL EXTINGUISHERS TO BE DIAL TYPE (WITH A GAUGE).

MINISTOX

SWORD OF STATE WILL BE CONTESTED OVER 3RD, 10TH, and 17TH JULY.

THE MINI STOX DRIVING SCHOOL WILL CONTINUE, LESSONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THURSDAY EVENINGS BY APPOINTMENT THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER.

CONTACT PAUL on 388 401

THIS IS TO ENCOURAGE NEW DRIVERS WISHING TO LEARN HOW TO RACE A MINISTOX, WITHOUT THE PRESSURE OF A RACE MEETING.

10 TO 16 YEAR OLDS WILL BE TAUGHT HOW TO DRIVE AND RACE CRAFT, USING A VAUXHALL CORSA AND A MINISTOX.

COST FOR EACH SESSION WILL BE £ 40 WITH THE USUAL £ 50 DAMAGE DEPOSIT.

FORMULA 2 s.

2016 WAS AN EXCELLENT SEASON F2 WISE, 2017 LOOKS VERY PROMISSING WITH NEW DRIVER INTEREST AND NEW CARS BUILT AND READY TO GO.

FOR THE 2017 SEASON WE WILL FOLLOW THE RULES SET BY BRISCA IN THE U.K. WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES :-

BUMPER GRADES WILL CONTINUE FOR ALL MEETINGS INCLUDING THE MANX OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

BANGERS

**NO CHANGES TO CAR SPECIFICATIONS FOR 2017,
DON'T FORGET A NON RETURN VALVE MUST BE FITTED IN THE FUEL TANK BREATHER.**

THE OVERALL MAXIMUM LENGTH OF 4850mm (AS MANUFACTURED) WAS INTRODUCED FROM THE START OF THE 2015 SEASON AND WILL CONTINUE FOR 2017.

LARGER CARS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE USED IN DEMOLITION DERBY AND UNLIMITED MEETINGS.

THERE WILL BE NO MAXIMUM ENGINE SIZE LIMIT.

SINGLE PROPS BEHIND THE DRIVERS SEAT ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED.

A H FRAME OR FULL ROLL CAGE IS NOW REQUIRED.

IF AN ADJUSTABLE H FRAME IS USED ENSURE THAT HIGH TENSILE BOLTS PASS THROUGH BOTH THE OUTER AND INNER ADJUSTABLE PARTS OF THE FRAMES.

NOW JUST THE USUAL REMINDERS :-

ELECTRIC FUEL PUMPS MUST NOT BE HOT WIRED, ALL ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS MUST BE WIRED THROUGH THE IGNITION SYSTEM.

NO WORK WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE DONE ON CARS OUTSIDE THE STADIUM, DUE TO UNNECESSARY NOISE AND MESS BEING CREATED.

IF YOU ARE SEEN PREPARING A CAR OUTSIDE YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RACE THAT MEETING, TOLD TO TAKE IT AWAY AND PREPARE IT FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

REMEMBER DRIVERS NAME AND GOOD CLEAR NUMBERS ON ALL CARS.

DOOR PLATES AND ROLL CAGES / H FRAMES MUST BE FITTED IN POSITION USING 10mm BOLTS (17 mm SPANNER SIZE) AND LARGE REPAIR WASHERS. WITH EXCESS THREADS CUT OFF.

SILENCERS

ALL CARS MUST BE FITTED WITH 2 EFFECTIVE SILENCER BOXES.

ANY CAR MAKING EXCESSIVE NOISE WILL HAVE TO BE REPAIRED BEFORE IT IS ALLOWED TO RACE.

SUSPENSION

NO CAMBER , NO CASTOR, OR LOWERING ALL CARS WILL BE CHECKED DURING SCRUTINEERING USING A STRAIGHT EDGE AND LEVEL.

BONNET BOLTS / RE BAR

A MAXIMUM OF TWO PIECES OF 12mm RE BAR CAN BE USED AND MUST NOT EXTEND MORE THAN 50mm ABOVE BONNET LINE.

SUNROOF PLATES MUST BE FIXED SECURELY WITH NUTS AND BOLTS MINIMUM SIZE 8mm SELF TAPPERS OR SET SCREWS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

PRODUCTION RODS

THE DUTCH STARTING SYSTEM WILL NO LONGER BE USED.

DRIVERS STARTING GRADES WILL REPLACE THE DUTCH SYSTEM.

GRADES WILL BE REVIEWED EVERY 5 MEETINGS,

6 POINTS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE RACE WINNER, 5 POINTS FOR 2ND PLACE DOWN TO 1 POINT FOR THE 6TH PLACE FINISHER, IN LINE WITH THE OTHER CLASSES.

THE WHOLE OF THE CARS ROOF INCLUDING THE TOPS OF THE DOORS NEED TO BE PAINTED IN YOUR GRADE COLOUR.

WE ARE ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR A CONTROL TYRE. TYRE TESTING IS PLANNED AND IF A SUITABLE TYRE IS FOUND THIS WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM A SET DATE WITH A PERIOD OF TIME ALLOWED TO USE UP EXISTING TYRES.

THE LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP WILL RUN AS 2016.

AS WITH THE BANGERS ELECTRIC FUEL PUMPS MUST BE ISOLATED THROUGH THE IGNITION KEY.

PLEASE REMEMBER EXHAUST SYSTEMS NEED TO HAVE TWO EFFECTIVE SILENCER BOXES.

DRIVING STANDARDS WILL BE CLOSELY WATCHED, REMEMBER PRODUCTION RODS ARE NO CONTACT. ANY DRIVER ISSUED WITH A YELLOW CARD WILL ALSO HAVE 25 CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS DEDUCTED FROM THEIR SCORE.