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2019 SEASON NEWSLETTER

DEAR DRIVER / TEAM / SPECTATOR

THE 2019 STOCKCAR SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING.

This Year is the 50th Anniversary of Racing at Onchan. We are now the longest running Stock car track in Europe.

**THE 2019 FIXTURE LIST HAS BEEN APPROVED BY ONCHAN COMMISSIONERS .
AS YOU CAN SEE WE HAVE A FULL AND VARIED LIST OF MEETINGS PLANNED.**

ANGIE HAS BEEN HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE WEBSITE, A NEW IMPROVED VERSION WILL BE ON LINE SOON.

ALL THE 2019 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.

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 2019 SEASON WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 28th APRIL STARTING AT 2pm.
(PRACTICE FROM 1.15 PM)**

**TO RECEIVE YOUR 2019 LICENCE FREE YOU HAVE TO RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO PAUL AT THE STADIUM or
POST TO :-**

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BEFORE THE 20TH APRIL, AND RACE AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SEASON.

FOR LATER APPLICATIONS LICENCES WILL COST £ 50 (as last year).

HOGG RESCUE AND ST JOHN AMBULANCE CREWS PROVIDE MEDICAL COVER AT OUR MEETINGS.

WITHOUT THEM WE CANNOT RACE, THIS YEAR DRIVERS WILL BE ASKED TO PAY £ 3 AT EACH MEETING THEY RACE AT TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS MEDICAL COSTS.

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 6TH 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 2019.

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 ROBIN SMITH FUTURE STAR AWARD will be presented to the highest point scoring Ministox driver of the 28th April meeting.

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

BANGER TEAMS RACES SUNDAY 3RD JUNE. 7pm START

REPLACING THE VAN DEMOLITION DERBY THIS YEAR WE WILL BE HOLDING A NEW EVENT.

BANGERS TEAMS RACES.

EACH TEAM WILL CONSIST OF 3 CARS / DRIVERS.

CARS MUST BE BUILT TO CURRENT BANGER RULES BUT WITH ENGINES UNDER 1600cc

CARS MUST BE PAINTED IN TEAM COLOURS SO THAT THEY ARE RECOGNISABLE TO SPECTATORS AND LAP SCORERS.

3 RACES WILL TAKE PLACE THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, WITH DRIVERS SCORING POINTS FOR THEIR TEAM.

NORMAL DEMOLITION DERBY RULES APPLY , EXCEPT ALL CARS MUST RACE IN A CLOCKWISE DIRECTION.

ie. NO HITS ON THE DRIVERS DOOR

EACH RACE WILL BE HELD OVER 8 LAPS.

AS WITH THE OTHER DEMOLITIONS PRIZE MONEY will be AWARDED TO THE OVERALL WINNING TEAM , and 25 CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS to each driver in the winning team.

(THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR BANGERS RACING AT THIS MEETING)

IF THIS EVENT PROVES POPULAR WITH DRIVERS AND SPECTATORS OTHER SIMILAR EVENTS WILL BE ORGANISED DURING THE SEASON.

BANGERS CHAIN RACE THURSDAY 6TH JUNE.

**MID SEASON DEMOLITION DERBY SUNDAY 23rd JUNE 2pm START.
PRIZE MONEY AND 25 CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNING DRIVER.**

FORMULA 2 MANX OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

MONDAY 22ND , THURSDAY 25TH, and SATURDAY 27TH JULY.

MICRO F2 T.T.

MONDAY 22ND , THURSDAY 25TH, and SATURDAY 27TH JULY.

Following on from a successful track debut last summer, the Micro Formula 2's are keen to return.

HERITAGE FORMULA 2 STOCK CARS

MONDAY 22ND , THURSDAY 25TH, SATURDAY 27TH JULY.

The Heritage F2's will make a welcome return to Onchan racing replica Formula 2's which were raced in the 1960's and 1970's.

END OF SEASON DEMOLITION DERBY

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER (2pm)

THE 2019 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 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 2019 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 SECURELY 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 1ST, 8TH, and 15TH 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.

BANGERS

**NO CHANGES TO CAR SPECIFICATIONS FOR 2019,
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 2018.
LARGER CARS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE USED IN DEMOLITION DERBIES.**

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

**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 2018.

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.

ENJOY THE RACING

John Whitehead

2020 VISION.

Time for a change.

During the 2019 season we intend to introduce our own MICRO FORMULA 2 Class.

This will be open to children aged 7 to 12 years old. And will be the start of our future racing plan.

The MINISTOX class which we currently run will change into a new class called STOCK CARS and will be open to current MINISTOX drivers and newcomers aged 12 up to 17 years old.

Modern front wheel drive hatchbacks similar to VAUXHALL CORSA, FORD FIESTA, NISSAN MICRA etc. can be used alongside the original MINISTOX.

CAR SPECIFICATIONS will be available soon, and will be based on current MINISTOX RULES, with a few changes bringing them in line and similar to SPEDEWORTH 1300 STOCK CAR SPECIFICATIONS.

CONTROL TYRE.

I am currently sourcing a CONTROL TYRE, which will be available in 12, 13 or 14 inch diameters. To make the racing cheaper and competitive.

This means the 10 inch YOKOHAMA ministox tyre will not be allowed after this season. 12 inch wheels will fit all current MINISTOX making it an easy change.

This new class will only race in a CLOCKWISE DIRECTION, meaning the original seating position can be maintained, current MINISTOX can remain centre seated.

THE NEW STOCK CARS will also have an ADULT CLASS, aged 17 and above, using the same spec cars.

So when a driver reaches 17 years old they transfer into the ADULT CLASS maintaining the same starting grade and carrying over their CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS which they had scored in the JUNIOR CLASS.

Our current BANGERS and PRODUCTION ROD classes will remain as now, meaning that in the future we will have 5 classes to choose from.

John Whitehead