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2020 SEASON NEWSLETTER

DEAR DRIVER / TEAM / SPECTATOR

THE 2020 STOCKCAR SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING.

THE 2020 FIXTURE LIST HAS RECENTLY BEEN APPROVED BY ONCHAN COMMISSIONERS. AS YOU CAN SEE WE HAVE A FULL AND VARIED LIST OF MEETINGS PLANNED.

THANKS TO ANGIE AND CALLUM THE WEBSITE HAS BEEN UPDATED AND FEATURES EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW REGARDING THE 2020 RACING SEASON AT ONCHAN.

ALL THE 2020 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 2020 SEASON WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 26th APRIL STARTING AT 2pm.
(PRACTICE FROM 1.15 PM)**

**TO RECEIVE YOUR 2020 LICENCE FREE YOU HAVE TO RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO GARY AT THE STADIUM or
POST TO :-**

**33 BIRCH HILL AVENUE, ONCHAN IM3 4ES
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 (the same as last 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 7TH 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 2020.

ORCi 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 ORCi.

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 -

JUNIOR RODS.

This is a new class which will be introduced from the start of the 2020 season, and will replace the Ministox class.

Junior Rods will be driven by 10 to 16 year old children, driving small front wheel drive hatchbacks. Junior Rods will be a strictly NON CONTACT class.

JUNIOR ROD DRIVING SCHOOL.

The driving school has already started, every child needs to go through the driving school before they are allowed to race.

At the driving school they will be taught, clutch control, racing lines, track conduct, flag and traffic light signals, rules of racing etc. An hour long lesson costs £40 and includes sole use of the track, driving school car and safety equipment.

Only when we, the child and child's parents are confident that the driver is ready will they be allowed to race.

Please contact Gary on 432 232 for more details and to book a lesson.

JUNIOR ROD HIRE CAR.

Steve Hands and SWIFT MOTORS have kindly built, prepared and donated a Race prepared Junior Rod which will be used as part of the Driving School. This car will also be able to be hired at race meetings, enabling drivers to experience racing before buying their own car. Contact Gary on 432 232 for further details.

The ROBIN SMITH FUTURE STAR AWARD will be presented to the highest point scoring Junior Rod driver of the 26th 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.

BANGERS CHAIN RACE SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 7 pm START

BANGER TEAMS RACES THURSDAY 11th JUNE. 7.30 pm START

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 CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS, AND 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.

MID SEASON DEMOLITION DERBY SUNDAY 28th JUNE 2pm START. PRIZE MONEY AND 25 CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNING DRIVER.

MICRO F2 T.T.

MONDAY 27th, THURSDAY 30th JULY and SATURDAY 1st AUGUST.

Following on from another successful visit last summer, the Micro Formula 2's are keen to return.

NATIONAL MINISTOX.

THURSDAY 30th JULY, SATURDAY 1st and MONDAY 3rd AUGUST.

The National Ministox Club will return for 3 meetings and compete for their Sword of State Championship over the 2 meetings SATURDAY 1ST and MONDAY 3rd AUGUST.

END OF SEASON DEMOLITION DERBY

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER (2pm)

THE 2020 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 GARY 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 2020 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).

JUNIOR RODS.

SWORD OF STATE WILL BE CONTESTED OVER 5TH, 13TH, and 20TH JULY.

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

CONTACT GARY on 432 232

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

10 TO 16 YEAR OLDS WILL BE TAUGHT HOW TO DRIVE AND RACE CRAFT, USING A STANDARD ROAD CAR AND THEN A RACE PREPARED JUNIOR ROD.

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

BANGERS

LAST NOVEMBER WE HELD A DRIVERS MEETING WHICH WAS VERY GOOD, QUITE A FEW CHANGES WERE ASKED FOR AND DISCUSSED BY THE DRIVERS PRESENT, THESE HAVE NOW BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE 2020 CAR SPECIFICATIONS. PLEASE READ THROUGH THEM CAREFULLY AS THERE ARE CHANGES REGARDING :-

DOOR BARS, REAR MOUNTED RADIATORS, BONNET DIVIE BARS, CRASH HELMETS Etc.

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 2020.
LARGER CARS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE USED IN DEMOLITION DERBIES.**

THERE WILL BE NO MAXIMUM ENGINE SIZE LIMIT AND ENGINE SWAPS WILL BE ALLOWED.

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

A GOOD CONSTRUCTIVE DRIVERS MEETING WAS HELD IN NOVEMBER.

THE MAIN DISCUSSION WAS REGARDING TYRES, THE DRIVERS VOTED AND DECIDED TO INTRODUCE A TYRE PRICE CAP.

TYRES

No slicks. Tyres must be road legal types.

From the start of the 2020 season, a price cap of £80 per tyre will be introduced.

Meaning any Road legal tyre can be used that is readily available to anyone and has a Retail recommended price of £80 or under including VAT when the tyre was new.

Proof of purchase / receipts must be kept to ensure compliance.

Tyre softener of any type cannot be used, random durometer readings will be taken before and during meetings. If unsure ask – anyone caught using tyres deemed not to be legal will lose all points scored throughout the season.

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.

THE LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP WILL RUN AS 2019.

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.

PRODUCTION ROD HIRE CAR.

Mark and Alan Hargreaves have a race prepared Production Rod which can be hired on a meeting to meeting basis. Enabling people to experience racing a Production Rod before buying their own car. Tuition and practice sessions are also available.

Telephone Alan on 483 584 for more details.

ENJOY THE RACING

John and Gary Whitehead