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2021 SEASON NEWSLETTER

DEAR DRIVER / TEAM / SPECTATOR

THE 2021 STOCKCAR SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING.

THE 2021 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 2021 RACING SEASON AT ONCHAN.

ALL THE 2021 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. CHANGES TO 2020 REGULATIONS ARE SHOWN IN RED.

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 2021 SEASON WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 25th APRIL STARTING AT 2pm.
(PRACTICE FROM 1.15 PM)**

TO RECEIVE YOUR 2021 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 8TH 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 2021.

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 was a new class which will be introduced from the start of the 2020 season, and replaced the Ministox class.

Junior Rods are driven by 10 to 16 year old children, driving small front wheel drive hatchbacks. Junior Rods is 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.

The ROBIN SMITH FUTURE STAR AWARD will be presented to the highest point scoring Junior Rod driver of the 25th 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.

SUNDAY 6TH JUNE 2 pm START DELIVERY DRIVERS GRAND PRIX

Van Races and Van Demolition Derby (over the Ramp ???)

Prize money and 25 championship points will be awarded to the winning driver.

THURSDAY 10th JUNE. 7.30 pm START

A full regular meeting including Junior Rod's, Production Rod's and Bangers, but the Bangers will race over the Ramp.

**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 26th, THURSDAY 29th and SATURDAY 31st JULY.

Following on from another successful visit in 2019, the Micro Formula 2's are keen to return.

HERITAGE FORMULA 2's

MONDAY 26th , THURSDAY 29th and SATURDAY 31st JULY.

Driving original and replica Formula 2's from the 1950's and 1960's a nice nostalgic sight to see.

NATIONAL MINISTOX.

THURSDAY 29th, SATURDAY 31st JULY and MONDAY 2nd AUGUST.

The National Ministox Club will return for 3 meetings and compete for their Sword of State Championship over the 2 meetings SATURDAY 31ST JULY and MONDAY 2nd AUGUST.

SUNDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2pm CARAVAN RACE.

Back by popular demand, this highly entertaining event will make a return.

END OF SEASON DEMOLITION DERBY

SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER (2pm)

THE 2021 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 (ALL CLASSES).

RACE CARS must remain inside the stadium during a meeting, and cannot be taken outside to work on them.

IF THEY GO OUT, THEY STAY OUT. NO EXCUSES.

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. Drivers appearing with the wrong roof grade will still need to start in their designated roof grade but will not score championship points until the fault is rectified.

Grades for the start of season 2021 have been determined from results of 2020 season. GRADES WILL BE REVIEWED AFTER EVERY 4 MEETINGS. 6 POINTS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE RACE WINNER, 5 POINTS FOR 2ND PLACE DOWN TO 1 POINT FOR THE 6TH PLACE FINISHER. THE WHOLE OF THE CARS ROOF INCLUDING THE TOPS OF THE DOORS NEED TO BE PAINTED IN YOUR GRADE COLOUR.

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 2021 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.

BATTERY ISOLATORS (ALL CLASSES)

All wiring must be fully insulated. No Bare Wires.

A battery isolator switch, switching the POSITIVE side of the circuit MUST BE FITTED on the passenger side of the H frame / rollcage close to the B pillar, easily accessible for marshals to turn off.

All electrical circuits must be isolated by the Battery Isolator.

Driver's must demonstrate during scrutineering that by turning off the isolator the engine stops and kills all circuits.

FUEL TANKS (ALL CLASSES) -

MUST BE SECURELY 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 447790 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.

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

IN NOVEMBER 2019 WE HELD A DRIVERS MEETING WHICH WAS VERY GOOD, QUITE A FEW CHANGES WERE ASKED FOR AND DISCUSSED BY THE DRIVERS PRESENT, THESE WERE INCORPORATED INTO THE 2020 CAR SPECIFICATIONS.

WITH EXPERIENCE OF THE 2020 SEASON SOME CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE 2021 SEASON. PLEASE READ THROUGH THE REGULATIONS CAREFULLY, CHANGES ARE SHOWN IN RED.

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 2021. 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 AND ISOLATED BY THE BATTERY ISOLATOR.

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. NO OBCENITIES.

DOOR PLATES AND ROLL CAGES / H FRAMES MUST BE FITTED IN POSITION WITH AT LEAST 10mm BOLTS 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 2019.

THE MAIN DISCUSSION WAS REGARDING TYRES, THE DRIVERS VOTED AND DECIDED TO INTRODUCE A TYRE PRICE CAP. Now with the experience of 2020 the tyre rule has been amended as follows :-

TYRES

No slicks. Tyres must be road legal types **and E marked**.

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 under £80 including VAT when the tyre was new.

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

Alternatively any E marked tyre can be used, ie ex rally tyre's that originally cost more than £ 80 but the driver using these tyre's must be prepared to sell the tyre **FOR £ 80** to any other 2021 registered Production Rod driver if requested to do so.

The £ 80 fee needs to be given to the Clerk of the Course before the end of the meeting. The tyre will be marked and the exchange will take place in the pit area after the last race of the meeting.

Any driver refusing to a compulsory purchase will be banned from racing.

The wheel and tyre would be removed from the car, the new buyer would be responsible for removing the tyre from the wheel and returning the wheel to the original driver.

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 loose all points scored throughout the season.**

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

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 and Gary Whitehead.