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2012 SEASON NEWSLETTER

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DEAR DRIVER / TEAM / SPECTATOR

THE 2012 STOCKCAR SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING.

OUR WEB SITE HAS GONE FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH, KEEPING DRIVERS AND SPECTATORS INFORMED OF THE FACTS. WITH OVER 33,000 HITS LAST YEAR YOUR EXPLOITS ARE RECOGNISED ALL AROUND THE WORLD, THANKS TO ANGIE FOR HER HARD WORK., AND TO PAUL FOR KEEPING THE NEW SITE ON LINE.

THE NEW 2012 SITE LOOKS GREAT, BUT NEEDS YOUR DRIVER PROFILES AND INFORMATION, THIS WAY YOU CAN THANK YOUR TEAM, HELPERS AND SPONSORS.

THE 2012 FIXTURE LIST HAS BEEN APPROVED BY ONCHAN COMMISSIONERS . AS YOU CAN SEE WE HAVE A FULL AND VARIED LIST OF MEETINGS PLANNED.

NOTE THE NEW START TIME OF 7.30 PM FOR ALL EVENING MEETINGS.

ALL THE 2012 RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO DOWN LOAD, READ YOUR CLASS SPEC FOR FULL CHANGES.

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 TO ME.

**THE FIRST MEETING OF THE 2012 SEASON WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 29th APRIL STARTING AT 2pm.
(PRACTICE FROM 1.15 PM)**

TO RECEIVE YOUR 2012 LICENCE FREE YOU HAVE TO RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO ME BEFORE THE 22ND 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. (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 AS LAST YEAR, DISPUTE INCREASES IN BOTH TRACK RENT AND INSURANCE THESE WILL BE :-

**SEASON TICKETS WORK OUT AT HALF PRICE :- ADULT £6 CHILDREN £2 SENIOR CITIZENS £3
ADULT £70 CHILDREN £25 SENIOR CITIZENS £35**

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.

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 !

THE SEASON AHEAD -

ROOKIE BANGERS – WERE SUCESSFULLY INTRODUCED LAST SEASON CAR SPECs ARE THE SAME AS BANGERS, FULL DETAILS CAN BE FOUND IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SECTION OF OUR WEB SITE.

ROOKIE BANGER RACES ARE PLANNED TO TAKE PLACE AT ALTERNATE MEETINGS OPPOSITE MEETINGS TO THE PRODUCTION RODS. ROOKIE BANGERS FIRST MEETING WILL BE MONDAY 7TH MAY

THE RONNIE CAULFIELD SHEILD AND £104 PRIZE MONEY WILL BE AWARDED TO THE HIGHEST POINT SCORING F2 OR BANGER DRIVER HELD OVER THE FIRST 9 MEETINGS OF THE SEASON.

RELIANT ROBIN MANX GRAND PRIX MONDAY 4TH and THURSDAY 7TH JUNE. . T.T. WEEK SPECIAL YES THE ENTERTAINING RELIANT ROBINS ARE COMMING BACK.

I HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRES FROM ENGLISH DRIVERS WHO HAVE CONFIRMED THEIR INTENTION TO RACE AT THIS EVENT, ACTION IS GUARANTEED.

MID SEASON DEMOLITION DERBY SUNDAY 1ST JULY.

THIS WILL INCLUDE THE SCHOOL CHALLENGE. COMPETING DRIVERS CAN WIN A CASH DONATION TO A SCHOOL THEY ARE REPRESENTING.

PRIZE MONEY AND 50 CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNING DRIVER.

LADIES RACE MONDAY 9TH JULY (we may hold more throughout the season if enough drivers are interested)

FORMULA 2 MANX OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 23RD 26TH and 28TH JULY.

NATIONAL MINISTOX T.T. SAT 28TH and MON 30TH JULY..

END OF SEASON DEMOLITION DERBY AND DASH FOR CASH RACES SUNDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER (2pm)

FORMAT OF THE DASH FOR CASH RACES - ANY DRIVER WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE DASH FOR CASH RACES, GRID STILL DETERMINED BY PUBLIC DRAW, BUT THE PRIZE MONEY WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST DRIVER TO FINISH WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY WON A RACE AT ONCHAN IN 2012 .

THE 2012 SEASON WILL END WITH THE TRADITIONAL END OF SEASON DEMOLITION DERBY, PRIZE MONEY AND 50 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 BACK 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.

A LIST OF DRIVERS NAMES AND GRADES ARE SHOWN ELSE WHERE ON 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 2012 THE SEASON WHEN CAR PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION IS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH.

2011 SAW EXCELLENT TURN OUT OF BOTH MINISTOX AND FORMULA 2s AND SOME PRODUCTION RODS, BUT WERE LET DOWN BY SOME POORLY PREPARED BANGERS.

SCRUTINEERING ALL CLASSES CARS WILL LINE UP AS USUAL ON THE GRASS, THEN ONE BY ONE THEY WILL BE SCRUTINEERED ON THE TARMAC IN FRONT OF THE PIT ENTRANCE. BANGERS WILL BE MEASURED FOR CAMBER ETC. ON FLAT LEVEL GROUND. CARS THAT HAVE PASSED SCRUTINEERING WILL THEN BE PARKED INSIDE THE PIT AREA , AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED BACK ONTO THE GRASSED AREA.

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.

1ST CHOICE WINDOWS MINISTOX

**SWORD OF STATE WILL BE CONTESTED OVER 1ST 9TH and 16TH JULY.
NATIONAL MINISTOX ARE DUE TO RACE HERE 28TH and 30TH JULY.**

POINTS DISCUSSED AT THE DRIVERS MEETING HELD LAST YEAR.

**3MM STEEL PLATE NEEDS TO BE FITTED ABOVE THE DRIVERS HEAD.
DOOR TOPS NEED TO BE FITTED UP TO ORIGINAL HEIGHT.
ANY ENGINE – HEAD OR CLUTCH THAT WAS SEALED LAST YEAR WITHOUT BEEN INSPECTED NEEDS TO BE INSPECTED AND RESEALED BEFORE THE START OF THE SEASON.**

**THE #51 HIRE CAR WILL CONTINUE AS LAST YEAR, BOOKINGS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN, COST IS £50 / MEETING WITH £50 DAMAGE DEPOSIT.
THE MINI STOX DRIVING SCHOOL HAS RUN THROUGHOUT THE WINTER, AND WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY EVENINGS BY APPOINTMENT THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. 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 GO KARTS , A VAUXHALL CORSA AND THE HIRE MINISTOX.
COST FOR EACH SESSION WILL BE £ 40 WITH THE USUAL £ 50 DAMAGE DEPOSIT.**

MANN CONSTRUCTION FORMULA 2 s

FOR THE 2012 SEASON WE WILL FOLLOW THE RULES SET BY BRISCA IN THE U.K. WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES :-

THE AVON WIDE SAFETY TYRE OR THE YOKOHAMA TYRE CAN BE USED.

THE DUTCH STARTING SYSTEM WILL REPLACE ROOF GRADES.

See formula 2 spec for more details of changes.

AMMEDMENTS TO Brisca SPECIFICATIONS ARE ON THE WEB SITE. COPIES OF Brisca SPECIFICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

Local drivers wishing to race in the U.K. need to show an ORCi log book when being scrutineered. I have these so let me know if you need one.

BRISCA HAVE INTRODUCED NEW SILENCERS FOR THE 2012 SEASON WHICH ARE REQUIRED IF YOU WISH TO RACE IN THE U.K. you don't need a new silencer to race at ONCHAN.

NEW FOR 2012 WILL BE THE FORMULA 2 DRIVING SCHOOL.

RUN ON THE SIMILAR LINES AS THE SUCCESSFUL MINISTOX SCHOOL, PEOPLE AGED 16 OR OVER WILL BE ABLE TO TRY OUT A FORMULA 2. HIRING THE CAR AND TRACK FOR A PRACTICE SESSION.

THE CAR CAN THEN BE HIRED TO COMPETE IN ONE OF OUR REGULAR MEETINGS.

FURTHER DETAILS AND PHOTOS TO FOLLOW.

ENERGY Fm BANGERS and ROOKIE BANGERS

ONLY ONE CHANGE TO CAR SPECIFICATIONS.

WHEELS UP TO 8 INCH WIDE WILL BE PERMITTED. NO WIDER REGARDLESS OF WHAT WAS FITTED AS STANDARD.

JUST THE USUAL REMINDERS :-

STRUT BRACES MAY BE USED (FROM ONE STRUT TO THE OTHER AND MUST NOT FORM ANY ARMOURING)

ALL PLASTIC BUMPERS (FRONT AND REAR) AND THEIR BRACKETS MUST BE REMOVED WHILST THE CAR IS BEING PREPARED FOR RACING. BEFORE BEING BROUGHT TO THE STADIUM. CARS WILL FAIL SCRUTINEERING IF BUMPERS OR BRACKETS REMAIN FITTED.

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

REMEMBER DRIVERS NAME AND GOOD CLEAR NUMBERS ON ALL CARS.

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

SILENCERS --ALL CARS MUST BE FITTED WITH 2 SILENCER BOXES. ANY CAR MAKING EXCESSIVE NOISE WILL HAVE TO BE REPAIRED BEFORE IT IS ALLOWED TO RACE.

DIFFS -- STANDARD , LIMITED SLIP , OR WELDED MAY BE USED.

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

WHEELS -- MAXIMUM WIDTH 8 INCH MEASURED FROM INNER EDGES OF RIM. REGARDLESS OF WHAT WAS FITTED AS STANDARD.

BONNET BOLTS / RE BAR MUST NOT EXTEND MORE THAN 50mm ABOVE BONNET LINE THIS IS A SAFETY REQUIREMENT.

PRODUCTION RODS A FULL SEASON OF RACING IS PLANNED. BEGINNING ON SUNDAY 29TH APRIL. THE NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS WILL DEPEND ON THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE DRIVERS. If there are enough cars we plan to run Production Rods at alternate meetings opposite meetings to Rookie Bangers. RULES REMAIN UNCHANGED PLEASE REMEMBER EXHAUST SYSTEMS NEED TO HAVE TWO EFFECTIVE SILENCER BOXES.

DRIVING STANDARDS WILL BE CLOSELY WATCHED, REMEMBER PRODUCTION RODS ARE NO CONTACT.

ENJOY THE RACING

John Whitehead