

Newsletter End of Season 2012

2012 will go down in history as the one with the worst weather we have ever experienced. Out of fifteen meetings, over half were wet, and mainly continuous heavy rain fell at these meetings. Severe weather warnings did not help either, keeping people at home when the weather really was not too bad. As we have said often during the season, we cannot praise drivers and staff enough for carrying on regardless of what the weather threw at us. Three of our top meetings-Hearse and Limo, British Beef, and August Bank Holiday Monday were all held in continuous rain, and the resulting crowd attendance was a fraction of what it should have been. Thankfully, the final meeting on October 7th was not too bad, and with an excellent turnout of top F2 Stock car drivers, Bangers, and Special Rods, it was a really good send off.

Brisca F2 Stock Cars

Congratulations to all of our winners in 2012, especially Chris Bradbury (886) for his fifth Points Championship in a row! This is an unprecedented achievement, and while Chris did not have the best of ends to the season, he still won by a big margin. Our favourite adopted northerner Phil Mann (53) finally won the rookie series, and won a few more races as well, crowning his best season to date with us, and it was good to award Andy Russell(203) the Endeavour Trophy, as he has not had the easiest of starts to his stock car career, and we hope it will spur him on to greater efforts.

We will continue the Rookies white and yellow races in 2012, and would be very grateful to anyone who would like to sponsor a round.

The big news of 2013 is the staging of the Brisca f2 Stock Car Semi Finals on August 4th-our major meeting, and one to which we shall be working towards all season. This is combined with the World Final at Smeatharpe Stadium in Taunton, so it's a real West Country World Series.

There are a number of rule changes that have recently been announced, as part of the ongoing dialogue about costs and speed of the cars, and we hope it will encourage more drivers back to the sport in our area.

Below are the final Points for 2012.

886	Chris Bradbury	211	921	Jack Aldridge	63
26	Jamie Avery	138	954	Jamie Beere	60
676	Neil Hooper	120	797	Dan Moss	55
522	Chris Mikulla	102	464	Matt Linfield	54
53	Phil Mann	95	596	Ritchie Mead	50
254	Richard Beere	83	935	Nathan Maidment	48
990	Paul Rice	82	189	Paul Butcher	48
768	Tom Adcroft	80	14	Mike Priddle	48
315	Justin Fisher	79	476	Ryan Wadling	45
605	Liam Rowe	64	290	Jay Tomkins	36

Bangers

All in all, a quiet year for National Bangers, but some very good meetings none the less. British Beef, although wet, was one of the best.. Hearse and Limos was the same, a really good meeting spoilt by the rain, and a really good bear spoilt as well! The other really entertaining meeting was the Micro bangers, and that will also be repeated, with the same format, although it will be after Easter, rather than before, as Easter is early . All three meetings will run again in 2013, as will THUNDERBOLT.

The ORCi Team meeting comes up on November 18th at Arena Essex, and the team is Alan Machin(55) Matt Nutley(80), Mike Cocks(162), Rob Setters(240), John Quinn(242), Boogie (252) Roona(262) and Liam Cracknell (341).

We have been invited to stage a Graham Salter tribute meeting, and this will take place the day after British Beef, but will be an invitation only meeting. More details from Rob Mills or Jon Ayles. It is likely that leftover British Beef cars will be able to take part.

Final Points for 2012

363	Sam Trim	175	1	David Thomas v	30
262	Rob Bugler	130	240	Rob Setters	29
252	Steve Bugler	85	210	Paul Barnes	29
162	Mike Cocks	74	311	Danny Allen	28
54	Tom Davey	65	523	Swampy v	28
517	Scott Weldon	55	989	Dean Arm v	27
382	Jack Foster	55	133	Tommy Hutchings v	27

731	Shaun Dyer	50	129	Lee Dalton	27
29	Dave Dalton	43	298	Sam Wyatt	26
404	Rob Mills	42	80	Matt Nutley	26

V=visiting driver

Rookie Bangers

Congratulations to Lee Dalton for his win in the Points Championship in 2012. All of our Rookie meetings have been successful apart from the diesel, which wasn't too bad. We are planning on the same number in 2013, as a minimum, subject to discussions at the drivers meeting. We certainly hope that we will not have to restrict bookings in the future. Rookie bangers are entertaining to watch, and fun to take part in, and certainly attract lots of drivers, and we shall continue to run them. It will be £10 entry fee on all of our Rookie meetings in 2013, but we will be offering prize money on the Final, and we will continue to give two free admissions- driver and mechanic, who MUST be with the transporter when it arrives.

Final points for 2012

247	Richard Sparkes	60	83	Ben Styles	37
129	Lee Dalton (silver)	59	149	Lee Norman	36
246	Ryan Sparkes	53	938	Ashley Rice	31
475	Ben Sealey	52	744	Jake Carless	29
209	Russ Neville	48	458	Kenny Dalton	28
13	Chris Jeanes	46	364	Darren Feltham	28
384	Scott Benjafield	45	438	Mike Rice	27
133	Jody Jeanes	44	109	Chris Neville	27
75	Paul Fisher	44	54	Tom Davey	27
242	John Quinn	43	929	Sam Baker	23
113	Arry Brown	42	668	Paul Mortimer	23
9	Mavis	41	440	Eddie Redmond	21

Reliant Robins

A great season for the Robins, and congratulations to Lee Charles for his back to back Points Championship wins. Apologies time- I discovered that the box of Entertainer's Trophies is still in the Office at the end of the year, so we shall endeavour to hand some of these out at the Dinner and Dance.

Final Points for 2012

499	Lee Charles	159	21	Brad Worthington	53
445	Niki Loader	101	644	Mark Thompson	53
266	Micky Ford	94	364	Darren Feltham	44
444	Mark Loader	79	26	Russ Gillingham	43
100	Jerry Weeks	73	264	Steve Ford	38
33	Jack Carnell	71	1	John Coombes	37
115	Josh Collins	71	78	Mark Bowskill	35
3	Dan Tytheridge	67	116	Sam Summerhayes	32
674	Matt Ashmore	63	702	Allen Cooper	30
144	Wayne Thompson	60	99	Steve Chappell	29

Hot Rods

Below is the complete points list for 2012, including West of England Championship day. Congratulations to Steve Hunt winning the Points Championship twice in a row, and thanks to all those who supported us again in 2012. Here's to 2013!

82	Steve Hunt	171	117	Dave Tossell	85
718	Colin White	150	55	Alistair Lowe	63
258	James Griggs	143	35	Neil Muddle	56
18	Larry Langmead	126	313	Ross Hawtin	13
205	Mike Norton	112	578	Rick Lee	9
904	Wilson Hamilton	91	7	Craig Harris	1

Special Rods

Numbers have been lower in 2012 in this formula, and this may be because of the general financial situation, or a need to address the costs and speed of the cars. A survey at the last meeting indicated that a number of cars may have lightened flywheels, which is against the rules, as only standard parts may be used. At the drivers meeting we shall discuss what to do, whether to make flywheels free, or

strip engines to check that flywheels are the correct weight. At the same meeting, post race checks were carried out on manifolds and ports, and the first six cars in the Final were found to be legal.

Grades for start of season 2013

Superstars

23	Ross Stuckey	152
47	Richard Howard	144
18	Russ Colenut	117

Red Tops

122	Joe Rowe	109
210	Paul Barnes	102
173	Alan Cambridge	98
441	Tom Major	78
43	Andy Howard	77
41	Dene Howard	71
136	Jason Horseman	69
304	Tim Weare	60
120	Andy Latimer	59
440	Steve Griffin	58

Blue Tops

44	Sam Howard	47
270	Shaun Baker	38
83	Andy Beavan(red)	38
21	Paul Barnes	33
26	Andy Bennet	31
35	Mark Johns	28
6	Andy Wadley	26
224	Dale Edwards	25
27	Dean Quinn	24
46	Angie Harris	22
993	Darren Foss	20

White Tops

365	Paul Feltham	16
39	Craig Harris(red)	16
51	Rob Price	15
175	Kevin Scammell	9
668	Rob Look	8
38	Conor Jeffries	7
2	Shaun Fisher	5
777	Leigh Ashworth	5
801	Mike English	5

Junior Rods

The Junior Rods finished on a real high, with a superb race for the West of England Championship, and a surprise winner, although Callum has improved all through the year, and established himself as a front runner in the formula. So many wet meetings have made better drivers of all you!

Gradings for start of season 2013

Red Tops

510	Sid Harrison	146
273	Zoe Cambridge	140
87	Callum Richards	128
796	Dan Steeds (r)	109
404	Macauley Mills (r)	98
362	Aaron Loader	82
25	Brad Seymour	75
16	Dan Milverton	70
203	Charlie Norton	62
24	Sam Crane	61
61	Beth Stevenson	56
224	Jordan Edwards	55

Blue Tops

30	Joe Capel	35
313	Charlie Boorer	31
198	William Steeds	26
761	Kyle Williams	24
703	Joe Harrison	18
39	Sophie Harris	17

White Tops

777	Eden Bird	10
376	Daniel Kent	10
101	Jack Mintram	4
144	Ashton Thompson	3

The Last Bit

Where does my £1 go?

Many drivers are unaware of the work done by the ORCi Safety Group. This elected group consists of the ORCi Chairman, Philip Bond, former Incarace promoter, and three other members including Brian Smith, ORCi Track Inspector. They meet by telephone conference regularly, and review events that may have occurred and make recommendations to the ORCi for Rule Changes. The group has been busy this year dealing with two fatal accidents, Dave Weare at Hednesford in September 2011, and Steve Newman in June 2012. Both of these accidents will have consequences, and as yet there is no resolution between Cannock Council and Incarace over drivers exiting cars during races, so the work goes on to try and make the sport safer, and yet exciting and appealing to spectators. Stopping races every time a driver needs to exit is no use, and we are working to persuade the Council that there is a better way. Those of you who have raced at Hednesford will be aware that it is **compulsory** now to attend driver's briefing, where wrist bands are given to prove it, without which you cannot race. All

drivers must attend these briefings, and every meeting someone comes to me on the pits gate and asks a question that has been covered at briefing!

The £1 levy is used to fund anything that helps the safety of the sport, including a rolling programme of staff training and certification, inspection and improvement of tracks, and distribution of safety information.

Driver of the Year 2012

Nicci has been trying really hard for votes for the Driver of the Year trophy which will be awarded at the Dinner in February, but as the racing has now finished the opportunities to contact her are via email or the internet. You can find Nicci on facebook and ovalchat as Mrs Filo, or email her directly at np007e7730@blueyonder.co.uk Nicci will also be at the Drivers Meeting, where you can vote in person.

Dinner and Dance

Dinner and Dance: the 2013 Dinner and Dance will take place on Saturday February 9th 2013 at the Webbington Hotel, if you need to book the time, or the Hotel. The ticket price has been maintained at £25, and if you wish to book your rooms, the hotel is 01934 750100, and tell them that you are coming to the Mendips Raceway event. To buy your tickets, please send a cheque made to Mendips Raceway Ltd to Nylands, Charlton Horethorne, SHERBORNE, DT9 4NG, or phone Pat on 01963 220028.

Staff News

Despite very challenging conditions, our staff have risen to the occasion in 2012 as never before. Racing and fixing cars in the wet is not much fun, and neither is standing and waving heavy flags! It has been the season from hell for us, but we have come through it and our staff are still enthusiastic for the next season. We are pleased that Sarah has made good progress, and it is really useful to have a female marshall to deal with problems experienced by our female Junior Drivers, and we are also pleased to report that Michael is recovering from his injury on October 7th when a loose object hit his foot on the infield of the pit bend. Callan has been very competent on the Pit gate, and has worked hard often on his own. We are still hoping to recruit another lap scorer, so please get in touch if you would like to have a go.

Drivers Meeting 2012

Drivers meeting will take place on Sunday November 25th 2012 at the Village Hall, Farrington Gurney, which is about a quarter of a mile down the lane between the traffic lights and the Little Chef. As always, every driver is welcome, as well as Junior Rod parents, and it is your chance to have your say about the racing, and get information on what is happening in 2013. If you are a first year racer, please come along, you will be welcome.

Here is the agenda for the day:-

12 noon	Bangers and Rookie bangers drivers meeting
1pm	Reliant Robin Drivers meeting
1.30pm	Special Rod Drivers meeting
2.30pm	MiniRod drivers and parents meeting
3.30pm	Hot Rod drivers meeting
4pm	Staff meeting

Practice Day 2013

Saturday March 2nd at 10am