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## **ORCi Health & Safety Progress Report for the 2012 season.**

During the 2012 racing season we have seen further progress with our efforts to improve Safety Standards within our sport. It is becoming increasingly obvious that the scheme introduced three years ago for the reporting of accidents is now giving us much more reliable information that we can act on to prevent accidents in future.

Analysing the information from the ORCi H&S web portal identifies where we can improve safety. The 2012 figures have, once again, given us some valuable information and we will endeavour to use this wisely during the coming season. More of this later.

At the beginning of last season we distributed the new ORCi Cut Off switch stickers which were supplied to drivers via scrutineers throughout the country. These were introduced as a direct result of a situation that we had seen at the 2011 F1 Stock Car World Championship where a throttle had jammed and we identified that there may, in future, be problems in finding the cut off switch in an emergency situation. Rules were changed in all formulas to standardise the position of these switches and the sticker further emphasised their location to marshals.

Before the start of the season two important Seminars and training days were organised, one for Stewards and Clerks and another for Scrutineers. They were extremely well attended, with officials from all over the British Isles and these led to a much greater understanding of procedures. From these meetings came the suggestion that there should be regular communication via email, between officials, regarding the interpretation of rules and this has been implemented. It seems to have been very well received.

During the year copy for a new Marshals Handbook was completed and approved and this has been printed within the pages of the ORCi Marshals Log Book for the 2013 season. It is also available on the ORCi website.

Following the Fire and Rescue Seminar held in 2011 it was decided in 2012 to produce a Rescue DVD which could be used by those who attended to train others on a local basis. This was produced and distributed to all promotions at the beginning of the 2012 season.

Track inspections have taken place throughout the year and a new track in Northern Ireland has been inspected and sanctioned. Tullyroan Raceway has been built to a very high standard and is promoted by Davy McCall who has previously organised racing at Nutts Corner following a highly successful driving career in National and 2 litre Hot Rods.

The coming year will see the production of a further Training DVD for Fire Fighting. Officials and Marshals will receive training on a local basis and this DVD will assist the trainers in their



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efforts to ensure that all those involved are able to carry out their duties to the highest standards.

We will be holding another Seminar for all Stewards throughout the country with special emphasis on disciplinary procedures particularly in Banger Racing. This will take place in February.

In an effort to improve driver safety we will be looking into providing further advice to new drivers in entry level formulas. This will include car construction advice and also driving techniques and rules information. There will be further paperwork issued to Day License drivers at Banger racing events.

2013 will see a series of Noise testing spot checks being carried out at various tracks throughout the British Isles. These will be to make sure that all formulas are complying with the protocols that are currently in force and available to all on the ORCi website.

The ORCi are currently reviewing the data from the Health & Safety website portal which gives detailed information of all accidents at ORCi sanctioned race events during the last 12 months. Early indications show that there are several areas where improvements need to be made. Action on these will be detailed in the coming months.

As always we are keen to hear from any driver, official or spectator who has suggestions for the improvement of the safety within oval racing. Please contact us via the ORCi website - orci.co.uk - for the attention of the 'ORCi Safety Group'.

*Philip Bond - ORCi Safety Group - January 2013.*