



Newsletter May 2013

Here is the first Newsletter of 2013. All of our newsletters and other information is now online at www.mendipsraceway.com. Having experimented with email newsletters last year with mixed results, we are continuing with mailed newsletters this year, but not as often as in the past. Gradings will be issued separately if necessary, and posted on our website.

New Drivers

This Newsletter keeps you up to date with everything that is going on at the Raceway, and most importantly, your change of racing grade or roof colour. All of our formulae are re-graded usually after every two meetings, and once notified, you must repaint your car roof in the correct grading colour.

Driver and Mechanic admissions

Just a reminder once again about the free entries that are granted with your Mendips Raceway racing licence. All Mendips Raceway racers are allowed the driver and one other person is admitted free of charge-all other family and friends have to pay. **When the tow vehicle or transporter arrives, that is when the free admissions are granted-** not two hours later when a family member arrives on their own and claims a free ticket. If your wife, or girlfriend or mechanic wish to use the free admission, they must arrive with the driver. With Junior Rods, both parent are admitted free with the driver, and in all cases, we do not charge for drivers' children under 15 years of age.

Ben Rainford

Ben has marshalled for us for several years, and was involved in a freak accident on Easter Sunday when he was hit by a stray wheel from an F2 stock car. Our paramedics treated him at the scene, and he was then taken to Weston General Hospital, where he spent several days undergoing tests and receiving treatment for his injuries. It was great to see him back at the Raceway on May Day weekend, but he is still not fully fit, and back to work. Ben would like to pass on his thanks to everyone who helped him on the day, and since, and has the highest praise for FORDS who have helped him from day one with his financial commitments.

Brisca F2 Stock Cars

It was great to see the three heat schedule on Easter Sunday for the Qualifier, and also to see how many long distance travellers attended. Since then we have had the May Monday meeting, which again had an excellent attendance, and it is very pleasing to see a great resurgence in local drivers in the formula. This led to us scheduling an extra Rookies Reward Series Round, sponsored by ShockTec, and two lucky drivers went away with a set of shocks each. ShockTec will be back again on June 30th with sponsorship for the meeting Final. Our next meeting on May 26th features the annual Marion Bennett Trophy, and Round Two of the 2013 Rookies Reward Series, sponsored by Ray Lines Engineering. Please book in if you have not already done so.

Top Ten

921	Jack Aldridge	63	254	Richard Beere	22
886	Chris Bradbury	63	823	Sam Wagner	20
676	Neil Hooper	45	222	Ayrton Mills	20
315	Justin Fisher	38	998	Graham Fegan	18
126	Jamie Avery	38	14	Mike Priddle	18
522	Chris Mikulla	33	954	Jamie Beere	17
783	James Rygor	31	189	Paul Butcher	15
100	George Mc Millan	26	476	Ryan Wadling	14
167	Bill Batten	24	596	Ritchie Mead	12
768	Tom Adcroft	22	797	Dan Moss	10

Bangers

Good start for the National Bangers this year, and a welcome to all of you who are registered with Mendips Raceway for the first time. We have had some great meetings already this year, and we have some more to come. The next two at the Bank Holiday are 1800cc Bangers on Sunday, and the Unlimited World Qualifier on Monday, which we hope will get the usual good support. I understand that some of our drivers have had text and other messages asking them to go to Crasharama at Smeatharpe on the same day, which is not something that we would be involved in, as we do expect drivers to attend their home track if they have a car that is suitable for the meeting we are running. We have never stopped anyone travelling away for other meetings, but it is just courtesy to let us know so that we can book you

in. Looking ahead to June, British Beef comes up on June 29th, so get booking in for that if you have a car for that, and if you are interested in the Old Skool Graham Salter Tribute meeting on June 30th you need to speak to Rob Mills (07782 390255) or Jon Ayles (07940 551430) who are organising the list of drivers. It is Unlimited bangers, National Banger build, with engine swaps like for like, and no other swops of axles etc without permission. This looks to be a great meeting, with some nice tin, and some old skool drivers, and we are all looking forward to it. Camping is available overnight as usual, for £10 per unit, and toilets will be available in the car park.

Following the attack by Andrew Jones (341) on his team mate Paul Smaldon (714) in the Destruction Derby at THUNDERBOLT X111 we have advised Jones that we will not accept any bookings from him until further notice.

Any driver wishing to take part in the National Bangers English Championship at Skegness on Sunday June 16th should let us know so we can book you in. It is 2 litre National Bangers, with £20 Start Money, and Smart car and Entertainer awards on all races.

<u>National Banger Points</u>			<u>National Banger World Qualifiers</u>		
54	Tom Davey	58	262	Rob Bugler	29
27	Dean Quinn	57	241	Liam Cracknell	28
114	Liam Lake	47	252	Steve Bugler	25
790	Steve Bailey	38	40	Pete Stanley	22
241	Liam Cracknell	38	409	Joey Collins	20
252	Steve Bugler	35	27	Dean Quinn	18
440	Macauley Mills	33	820	Martyn Perkins	18
409	Joey Collins	30	114	Liam Lake	15
262	Rob Bugler	29	54	Tom Davey	15
190	Dominic Gumbleton	28	62	Buddy James	13
239	Steve Carter	28	332	Callum Reed	8
396	Scott Mowlam	26	363	Sam Trim	7
128	Mark Atkins	25	49	Rob Bevan	4
40	Pete Stanley	22	329	Kevin Ealson	2
363	Sam Trim	21			
382	Jack Foster	20			
404	Rob Mills	19			
820	Martyn Perkins	18			
49	Rob Bevan	13			
62	Buddy James	13			

Rookie Bangers

The next meeting for the Rookies is Filo's Crashmania on Sunday July 28th at 1pm. This meeting is by application form only, and forms are available at every meeting from the Pit Office or the Raceway Office. Please note that only 20 teams will be accepted for this meeting, and therefore you MUST get the form filled in and fee paid by the closing date. If you need a form, please call us. We have no wish to turn anyone away, but we need to know who is coming.

The FORDS Banger Mechanics fundraiser is gathering momentum, and for those of you who have not heard about it, here are the details: Each ORCi track holds a qualifying round, and the drivers entitled to race are those who have never held and ORCI racing licence in any formula. Cars can be their own, or borrowed, and grid positions for the race are decided by the amount of sponsorship raised by the driver for FORDS charity. There will be one race only at each track, but drivers may take part in races at other tracks if they wish, and the top two or three drivers home qualify for the Final at Ipswich in November. Sponsorship forms and entry forms are available from us. Mr Starter is already booked!!

The Rookie Banger World Championship Final at Ipswich in October has two reserved spaces for Mendips Raceway drivers, and these will be awarded to the top two in the points that are registered with us after the West of England Championship on October 6th. We will also be able to send drivers for the last chance qualifiers.

Top Twenty points

133	Jody Jeanes	30	31	Liam Shipway	10
475	Ben Sealey	27	9	Mavis	9
384	Scott Benjafield	23	83	Ben Styles	9
881	Gary Emery	23	796	Dave Steeds	9
109	Chris Neville	22	300	Jon Ayles	9
129	Lee Dalton	21	366	Peter Warren	8
242	John Quinn	14	311	Danny Allen	8
75	Paul Fisher	10	189	Jamie Knox	7

244	Ian Frampton	10	775	Brad Hunt	7
190	Dominic Gumbleton	10	7	James Charles	7

Reliant Robins

Lots of new faces in the Robins this year, and good racing. Next meeting up is Crazy Day on Sunday May 26th, which will feature some old favourites, and a new event!

Top Twenty Points

445	Niki Loader	56	25	Darren House	15
644	Mark Thompson	50	364	Darren Feltham	15
78	Mark Bowskill	47	266	Micky Ford	15
437	Cliff Worthington	36	304	Tim Weare	15
499	Lee Charles	30	16	Darren Russell	14
267	Luke Baber	24	77	David Reed	10
270	Shaun Baker	23	3	Dan Tytheridge	9
100	Jerry Weeks	18	264	Steve Ford	8
26	Russ Gillingham	17	144	Wayne Thompson	5
444	Mark Loader	15			

Junior Rods

Well done to all those who have been regraded up after the first two meetings, and good luck for the rest of the season. The next regrading will be after the May 27th meeting. If you don't manage to score enough points, you will be downgraded by one grade at a time.

Top Twenty Points

87	Callum Richards	73	109	Aaron Holloway	30
362	Aaron Loader	66	510	Sid Harrison	28
700	Ben Brice	62	61	Beth Stevenson	28
273	Zoe Cambridge	47	376	Daniel Kent	28
300	Charlie Ayles	46	761	Kyle Williams	26
956	Harry Thompson	43	203	Charlie Norton	18
25	Brad Seymour	40	742	Morgan Galley	15
24	Sam Crane	39	224	Jordan Edwards	15
66	Becky Pearce	31	30	Joe Capel	14
16	Dan Milverton	30	921	Ryan Sparrow	9

Hot Rods

Good numbers in the Hot Rods as well, this year, and some superb racing. We are very sorry that the track was so bad for you on April 14th, and we'll try not to have it happen too often, but there are some times when it is inevitable that you have to follow bangers on the programme. The Spring Classic is on May 27th, for the Andy and Loreen Trophy, and our thanks to Andy and Loreen Harris for again supporting this meeting, as they have done for many years.

Top Ten

282	Steve Hunt	63
718	Colin White	55
258	James Griggs	54
205	Mike Norton	53
117	Dave Tossell	51
3	Simon Harraway	44
18	Larry Langmead	42
125	Mike Hibberd	38
55	Alistair Lowe	33
780	Mike Loosemore	16
35	Neil Muddle	12
39	Craig Harris	9

Special Rods

At the drivers meeting last December it was agreed that drivers would only rise or fall in the grades one grade at a time, and therefore Simon Harraway, Kev Scammell, Rob Price and Alan Lettley have risen from white to blue, and

not Superstar and Red which would have been their grades on points scored. This gives the grading list a slightly odd look, but we will see how it evens out at the end of the season.

Following the crash in the Final on Sunday May 5th, the Steward has inflicted a one month ban on Kev Scammell (175) for over aggressive driving.

Superstar

18	Russ Colenut	38
23	Ross Stuckey	35
41	Dene Howard	34
47	Richard Howard	34

Red Tops

304	Tim Weare	31
43	Andy Howard	22
122	Joe Rowe	19
700	Les Brice	16
210	Paul Barnes	15
173	Alan Cambridge	14

Blue Tops

3	Simon Harraway	56
175	Kevin Scammell	36
5	Alan Lettley	30
51	Rob Price	18
120	Andy Latimer	13
668	Rob Look	13
26	Andy Bennet	10
993	Darren Foss	9
136	Jason Horseman	8