



End of Season Newsletter 2013

Another season comes to an end, and it is time to look back on 2013 and look forward to 2014. We have had a very good season, and it has gone a long way to putting right the losses of 2012 when so many meetings were wet and miserable. Everyone who was at the August Bank Holiday Monday meeting says it was the biggest crowd ever, but we need meetings like that balance up the ones that are not so successful. All promoters want to invest in their stadiums, and improve facilities, but the money has to be earned first to do so.

Drivers Meeting 2013

The Drivers meeting will take place on Sunday 24th of November 2013 at the Memorial Hall in Farrington Gurney-on the A37. If you approaching from Bristol, it is a left turn just after the Little Chef. As usual the meetings for the various formulae will be scheduled as follows:-

12 noon	Banger and Rookies Banger drivers meeting
1pm	Reliant Robin drivers meeting
1.30pm	Special Rod drivers meeting
2.30pm	Junior Rod drivers meeting-parents welcome
3.30pm	Hot Rod drivers meeting
4pm	Staff meeting

If you haven't been before, please give it a go, as there will be time to discuss any of your ideas or problems, and put forward any rule changes you feel might benefit your sport. We shall also be electing the formula Drivers Representatives, and there will be a chance to buy some Christmas goodies from the Track Shop-including any photos and dvds you may have missed. Drivers Licence Application Forms will be available, and you can get your 2014 Licence at a discount.

Brisca F2 Stock Cars

We have had tremendous support from the stock cars this year, as you would expect from a Semi Final year, and a West Country World Final, and finishing off with the Rookies Reward Final, with a bigger than usual grid, although it was very disappointing that while every driver qualifying was sent a personal letter, many failed to notify us that they were not going to attend. We shall continue the series in 2014, and, more importantly, unlike other tracks, keep it just for whites and yellows only! Congratulations to Alex Sloggett for his Endeavour Trophy win, and his season was the epitome of qualification criteria-lots of effort for little reward!

Looking back on the Semi Finals, it was very disappointing that miserable weather reduced the crowd for what was a very watchable meeting that had everything for the stock car fan, including the clashes between Rob Speak and Chris Bradbury, and some wily driving from Gordon Moodie. It set the scene for a very memorable World Final at Taunton, that showed the sport at its very, very best. Our staff and ourselves did our best to run the Semi Finals that we would all like to have been at watching, or racing in, and it seemed that most people agreed with they way it went.

As this is written there is a referendum ongoing to decide what tyres should be used for the next three years. There has been much debate, and Brisca f2 has given every drivers as much information as possible to make an informed decision, and we hope that you have all used your vote.

We look forward to welcoming all F2 drivers and fans to the Dinner Dance on Saturday February 8th 2014, especially Chris Bradbury to celebrate his unprecedented sixth Points Championship victory, despite being unable to take part in the final meeting due to illness.

Tickets this year are £28 for a three course dinner and live band, plus reduced room rates at the Hotel for overnight stay.

As for 2014, we are pleased to confirm that we will be running an important meeting for drivers, the Benevolent Fund Trophy. In conjunction with Sharon Blood, who does an extraordinary job in fundraising, we hope to come up with some ideas to enhance your fund, and encourage the top flight drivers to support the meeting. It is a bit too soon to be able to tell you the dates for 2014, but three that are definite are the World Qualifier on Easter Sunday, the Pink Ribbon Trophy on July 27th, and the Ben Fund on October 5th.

Final Points Table for 2013

886	Chris Bradbury	233	254	Richard Beere	54
921	Jack Aldridge	138	783	James Rygor	54
522	Chris Mikulla	127	464	Matt Linfield	51
315	Justin Fisher	99	519	John Scorse	48
676	Neil Hooper	99	700	Aam Rubery	47
126	Jamie Avery	97	430	Simon Edwards	45
189	Paul Butcher	91	401	Barry Goldin	38
823	Sam Wagner	76	797	Dan Moss	35
935	Nathan Maidment	74	100	George Mc Millan	35
768	Tom Adcroft	67	476	Ryan Wadling	31

Bangers

There has been a lot of debate this year about National Banger car construction rules, and there is a feeling among promoters that it is time for change. Four open forum meetings with drivers are in the process of being held-two have already taken place at Mildenhall and in the south west, with two more planned in the Midlands and the East Coast. We were very disappointed that only three Mendips Raceway drivers turned up for the south west meeting, plus around ten from Autospeed. The consensus from the drivers was that a more uniform approach to scrutineering was the key, and from the promoters side, that a simplification of the car construction rules was required to reduce the time taken and expense of preparing cars. When all the meetings have taken place, the ORCi will decide what the way forward will be.

Well done to Tom Davey for his National Banger points Championship, and to a very surprised Chris Neville for winning the Rookies prize, plus a trip to Ipswich for the Rookie World Final. As always, the points championship is awarded to the highest scoring Mendips Raceway registered driver, not the highest overall scorer.

As a result of the actions in the Banger Final on September 22nd, the following drivers received penalties:-

54 Tom Davey	Suspected infield attack	3 months, 2 suspended until 31/12/14
111 Pete Street	Infield attack	3 months ban Return to racing 22/12/13
241 Liam Cracknell	Infield Attack	3 months ban Return to racing 22/12/13
256 Jamie Turner	Infield Attack	3 months ban Return to racing 22/12/13
279 Jamie Collins	Infield Attack	3 months ban Return to racing 22/12/13
409 Joey Collins	Infield Attack	3 months ban Return to racing 22/12/13

Despite having good video evidence, the camera angle was such that it was almost impossible to be certain that Tom Davey's attack on Dean Quinn was actually on the infield, hence the reduced penalty.

ORCI National Bangers 2 litre open championship

On Sunday November the 17th, the inaugural ORCI National Banger 2litre Open will take place at Arena Essex. This replaces the long standing Team Championship which has lost its sparkle over recent years, and we are invited to put forward entries from our top drivers to take part. Please let us know if you wish to take part in this event.

Champion of Champions.

Another end of season high profile event that requires advance bookings, so please let us know if you wish to attend. This is one week after the 2 litre Open on Saturday November 23rd.

2014 Fixtures

Some dates for next year that are confirmed are:-

Sunday March 23 rd	Micro Bangers up to 1200 cc (1300KA permitted)
Monday April 21 st	Banger Vans-Transit size minimum up to 3500kg
	No pickups, yanks, or V6 Transits.
	If in doubt about eligibility, please give us a call
Sunday June 29 th	Unlimited Old Skool bangers-invite only

Final points table for 2013

54	Tom Davey	124	409	Joey Collins	59
252	Steve Bugler	96	820	Martyn Perkins	54
517	Scott Weldon	85	190	Dominic Gumbleton	51
241	Liam Cracknell	78	303	Jason Oliver	46
67	Ricky Beasley	77	404	Rob Mills	40
27	Dean Quinn	76	62	Buddy James	39
262	Rob Bugler	74	790	Steve Bailey	38
440	Macauley Mills	64	363	Sam Trim	37
114	Liam Lake	63	396	Scott Mowlam	36
40	Pete Stanley	60	239	Steve Carter	28

Rookie Bangers

Final points table for 2013

475*	Ben Sealey	67	778	Paul May	26
133 *	Jody Jeanes	66	273	Alan Cambridge	24
668 *	Paul Mortimer	48	113	Arry Brown	23
235 *	Toby Brooks	48	27	Dean Quinn	21
109	Chris Neville	45	181	Andy Churchill	21
83 *	Ben Styles	41	372*	Jay Matthews	21
129	Lee Dalton	40	244	Ian Frampton	20
775	Brad Hunt	37	189	Jamie Knox	19
744	Jake Carless	37	29	Dave Dalton	19
384	Scott Benjafield	35	444*	Keiron Bellringer	18
75	Paul Fisher	35	247*	Richard Sparks	18
13 *	Chris Jeanes	30	185	Matt Anderson	17
881*	Gary Emery	29	364	Darren Feltham	16
134 *	Jarret Bond	28			

Junior Rods

Well done to Aaron Loader(362) for his Points Championship win, and to Zoe Cambridge(273) for the first Championship win for a girl driver, in the West of England ! A fine end to a good season for the Juniors, which has seen a number of different cars being used, and some more new drivers joining. When Dan Kent(376) brought his Fiat to the track we thought it was a good effort with a different car, but couldn't see that it had a future, but it has

been a good car, and Dan deserved the most improved drivers award. We understand there are one or two more different cars coming next year, so we look forward to seeing them.

Please come along to the Drivers meeting, and if you know of any new drivers, they are welcome too.

Your 2014 grade is as the letter that went out last month.

Final Points Chart for 2013

362	Aaron Loader	141	203	Charlie Norton	49
87	Callum Richards	136	224	Jordan Edwards	48
700	Ben Brice	116	30	Joe Capel	45
273	Zoe Cambridge	109	39	Sophie Harris	42
16	Dan Milverton	93	61	Beth Stevenson	39
376	Daniel Kent	71	109	Aaron Holloway	30
956	Harry Thompson	69	742	Morgan Galley	16
25	Brad Seymour	64	715	Ian Moorhouse	16
510	Sid Harrison	55	240	Rachel Bowering	11
24	Sam Crane	54	921	Ryan Sparrow	9
300	Charlie Ayles	53	53	Angus Hawkins	2
761	Kyle Williams	53	101	Jack Mintram	2
66	Becky Pearce	53			

Special Rods

Congratulations to Russ Colenutt for his Points and West of England Championship double at the final meeting of 2013. We are pleased to report that all cars passed post race scrutineering, and the results are therefore confirmed. Having now checked all cars for cam lift during the season, and rechecked them after the West of England, we shall turn our attention to other mechanical parts next season. At the West of England, camshafts, inlet manifolds and ports were checked, but next year we intend to check flywheels and clutch assemblies, which is a pain, but needs to be done.

Thanks again to Richard Howard for arranging the Somerest Surfacing Summer Series sponsorship, and due to a misunderstanding, we now have some prize money for the final meeting, which was due to be distributed on October 5th, but we are still holding it, for distribution at the Drivers meeting. We would encourage drivers to seek sponsorship from their employers or businesses, such that we can be in a position to offer better trophies and/or prize money. It need not cost a fortune, just give us a ring for details.

A steady year for the formula, and we look forward to more close racing in 2014.

18	Russ Colenutt	163	6	Andy Wadley	32
47	Richard Howard	150	370	Steven Baker	31
122	Joe Rowe	132	273	Tom Cambridge	30
41	Dene Howard	120	720	Dan Latimer	30
210	Paul Barnes	118	993	Darren Foss	29
23	Ross Stuckey	95	386	Adam Ghey	24
43	Andy Howard	71	364	Darren Feltham	24
175	Kevin Scammell	68	120	Andy Latimer	21
700	Les Brice	65	440	Steve Griffin	21
304	Tim Weare	63	668	Rob Look	19
3	Simon Harraway	62	7	Willy Harraway	15
136	Jason Horseman	62	458	Tony Bevan	14
85	Andy Pincott	60	521	Pip Carter	13
173	Alan Cambridge	49	8	Andy Russell	10
35	Mark Johns	43	4	Brian Roper	9
51	Rob Price	39	192	Ashley Raymond	8
26	Andy Bennet	37	46	Angie Harris	1
5	Alan Lettley	33			

Hot Rods

Hot Rod racing is still alive and well at the Mendips, and we have had some good racing despite losing (temporarily) a couple of our regular drivers. I think we all enjoyed watching the Nationals at our track, and it looks like we shall be able to present them again next year. I understand that there are one or two potential new drivers next year, including one coming up from the Juniors, and we hope that James will be fit and well for the 2014 season.

Final points table for 2013

718	Colin White	104
282	Steve Hunt	102
205	Mike Norton	101
258	James Griggs	97
18	Larry Langmead	80
125	Mike Hibberd	63
3	Simon Harraway	54
117	Dave Tossell	51
55	Alistair Lowe	41
39	Craig Harris	28
780	Mike Loosemore	16
35	Neil Muddle	12
578	Rick Lee	12
788	Mark Shelper	6

Reliant Robins

Excellent season from the plastic pigs, and good numbers racing all year. Sadly we shall be losing our resident loonatic, as Mick Cocks has called it a day after many, many years, but we shall be gaining another as Tom Davey will be racing regularly! We need to look again at build rules as some cars are beginning to look very much more offset that they should be, and we must retain the fun aspect of the racing. We shall continue with the Entertainer awards, and for those who are not fully aware, we award 10 points for each Entertainer Award, for which there is one for every race, and 5 points for every rollover.

Unfortunately, we have presented Niki Loader with the Points Championship Trophy and £100 prize without realising that he is not registered at Mendips Raceway. We are therefore going to be presenting Mark Thompson with the official points Championship win at the Dinner Dance, and Niki will have his own trophy as highest points scorer.

Final points table for 2013

445	Niki Loader	119	16	Darren Russell	27
644	Mark Thompson	115	119	Stacey Howe	23
499	Lee Charles	85	26	Russ Gillingham	21
78	Mark Bowskill	67	21	Brad Worthington	19
304	Tim Weare	67	25	Darren House	15
437	Cliff Worthington	55	264	Steve Ford	15
444	Mark Loader	54	504	Andrew Worthington	15
267	Luke Baber	47	144	Wayne Thompson	13
100	Jerry Weeks	47	2	Raoul Loader	10
266	Micky Ford	45	3	Dan Tytheridge	9
162	Mike Cocks	40	664	Ryan Wright	9
364	Darren Feltham	33	362	Lennie Loader	9
270	Shaun Baker	32	99	Steve Chappell	8
1	Allen Cooper	30	54	Tom Davey	5
77	David Reed	30	101	Gordon Mintram	3
674	Matt Ashmore	28			

The Last Bit

Enclosed with this Newsletter is your 2014 Driver Licence Contract. You can renew your Licence at the Drivers Meeting, or by Post.
After no increase in Licence Fees for several years, the ORCI has announced that the 2014 fees will be as follows:-

New application, or application after 1 st January 2014	£70 00 (£5 increase)
Renewals before 1 st January 2014	£55 00 (no increase)
Day Licences	£25 00 (£5 increase)

We will continue to offer driver plus one free admissions

The 2014 Dinner and Dance will be held at the Webbington Hotel and Country Club on Saturday February 8th 2014 - 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets are £28 and available from the office. Rooms can be booked now by calling 01934 750100, and mentioning Mendips Raceway for discounted prices. The Dinner and Dance is a social event for anyone and everyone who are into racing to attend, and last year there were nearly 300 people enjoying a good night out. Come and join us!

Photos- If you wish to buy photos from any of our meetings-check out the track shop, or select them from the website and email gmmcleod@supanet.com

Direct dvd sales are available by phoning CVS on 01454 319000 or www.cvs-yate.co.uk

Mendips Raceway Driver of the Year 2013

If you have not voted, then please contact Nicci Port or go to [our website](#). This is a drivers vote for drivers.

Goodbye, Mr Starter

After thirteen years Andy Chant has retired from the rostrum. It has come as quite a surprise to many, and we certainly owe him a debt of gratitude for all of his support over those years. The Bike Race was his idea, and his latest charity escapade in the Mechanics Race was probably one of his best. He was respected by the drivers and staff alike, and we wish him well with what ever he does with his weekends in the future.

For Sale

Mini Clubman bare shell and subframes for Junior Rod. Good strong shell ready to build.
£400
Nathan Maidment 07846 924050

Escort Half shafts, diffs and axle casings available 01963 220028

Office closure

Please note the office will be closed from Wednesday October 23rd till Monday November 3rd.
Emails will be dealt with on our return.