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Newsletter!

End of Season 2014

Welcome to our end of season Newsletter 2014. We used to send these out more regularly but the hideous cost of post these days means that it is no longer cost effective, so we just post out grade change letters, and post everything else on the website. I hope that you will find something of interest here, and it maintains the link through the off season

For all regular news, points and reports go to www.mendipsraceway.com.

You can book in to race through the website, or on our facebook page

Practice Day 2015

Our annual Practice Day will take place on SATURDAY MARCH 7th 2015, commencing at 10am. Costs are £20 per driver or car. We welcome any formula under ORCi rules, and please contact us if there is another type of car you would like to give a run. Practice will continue until 4pm. We intend to have a Special Rod, Reliant Robin, Banger and F2 stock car for drivers who are serious about starting racing, or moving up to a new formula.

Drivers Meeting 2014

The Drivers Meeting will take place on Sunday 7th of December 2014 at the Memorial Hall in Farrington Gurney-on the A37. If you approaching from Bristol, it is a left turn just after the convenience store as you enter the village.

As usual the meetings for the various formulae will be scheduled as follows:-

- 12 noon** National Banger and 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 2015 Licence at a discount.

Brisca F2 Stock Cars

We are pleased to announce that we have regained a number of our Brisca F2 stock car dates for 2015, and will be featuring the cars more regularly, as we have in the past. No racing between July and October this year was not an ideal situation, and we have redressed that for the new season. We want to encourage growth in the formula locally, and to that end we will be offering test drives in a Brisca F2 car at our Practice Day on Sunday March 7th, for prospective drivers from other formulae. We will have racing from April until September, with only the June date unavailable to us this year. We will continue to run white and yellow Rookies Reward races, and we have always paid full prize money on these events. There seems to have been some misunderstanding this season as to how the White and Yellow Final works. It is quite simple-you have to score in the Qualifying Rounds to get into the Final in September, and attendance points are on offer, so if you race at both rounds, you are almost certain to make the Final, which, again, has a big prize schedule as well as nine tyres available to be won.

Following a recent Brisca F2 ruling that has set and maximum and minimum schedule, in 21015 we will be paying prize money at the higher 2013 rate, in line with other some other tarmac promoters, as an act of good faith in the formula. The tarmac and shale divide means that most shale tracks can attract as many drivers as they can cope with, but tarmac tracks do have to work harder. We are all hoping that minor changes to rules, including the approval of the Ford Zetec engine, will reduce car costs, and allow drivers to use more of their budget on travel. We do not have a Brisca F2 Championship event in 2015, but most of our meetings carry titles, and many have perpetual trophies. At this stage, we are planning some revisions to the track for 2015, but these are weather and finance permitting.

2015 dates:- Sunday April 5th (World Championship Qualifying Round), Monday

May 4th, Sunday May 24th, Sunday July 26th (Pink Ribbon Trophy) Sunday August 30th, Sunday September 20th, October 4th (provisional)

Final Points Table for 2014

886	Chris Bradbury	161
522	Chris Mikulla	109
676	Neil Hooper	79
189	Paul Butcher	78
935	Nathan Maidment	74
315	Justin Fisher	50
783	James Rygor	46
126	Jamie Avery	43
542	Steven Gilbert	40
937	Matt Isaacs	40
921	Jack Aldridge	39
700	Aam Rubery	34
254	Richard Beere	34
38	Dave Polley	31
823	Sam Wagner	29
464	Matt Linfield	28
437	Danny Withers	27
105	Ross Rowe	26
528	Shane Hector	24
476	Ryan Wadling	22
991	Ryan Hoskin	20
156	Pat Lines	20
745	Lee Morgan	20
891	Darren Wade	17
740	Neil Langworthy	15
605	Liam Rowe	14
526	Marc Rowe	14
438	Mike Rice	14
100	George Mc Millan	14
828	Julian Coombes	14
797	Dan Moss	13
35	Stu Moss	13
290	Jay Tomkins	12
596	Ritchie Mead	10
328	Andy Walker	10
206	Matt Brewer	9
627	Gary Sillifant	8
979	Paul Moss	7
91	Brett Constable	7
35	Stuart Moss	7
53	Phil Mann	6
14	Mike Priddle	6
890	PaulRice	6
352	Dave Sanson	5
641	Dennis Middler	5

460	Matt Weston	5
111	Lewis Geach	5
328	Andy Walker	5
83	Simon Harraway	4
737	Neil Lampshire	4
845	Andrew Morgan	4
578	Mark Gibbs	3
734	Glen Sanders	2
954	Jamie Beere	2
104	Shaun Robinson	2
572	James Lindsay	2
187	Pete Mc Callum	1
756	Richard Thomas	1
683	Bryan Lindsay	1
851	Gary Smith	1

National Bangers

We are pleased that Rob Mills has agreed to assist and co ordinate our Banger racing here at Mendips Raceway. Rob has been involved for over twenty years, and is a former World Champion, and maintains his interest through Macauley's racing and jointly organising the Old Skool meeting in June. This has led to some changes in the pattern of meetings for 2015, which are aimed at being more drivers friendly when it comes to car building and use. We have also introduced incentives on our major Unlimited meeting-THUNDERBOLT XV to encourage drivers to entertain which will be 6x£50 awards for Top Tin, 5x£50 awards for Best Wreck, 5x£50 awards for Best Entertainer, one for each race.

World Qualifiers will be rehashed whereby the Micro meeting in March and the Van meeting in April will carry World Championship Qualifying points, as well as the final round in September.

It is our turn to host the ORCi National Banger English Championship, which will take place on Sunday May 24th and will be for 2 litre National Bangers.

There will also be changes to the popular British Beef meeting. We understand that cars are expensive and hard to find, so rather than go to an all rwd format, we are opening it up to all British RWD under 2 litre, excluding Triumph 2000s,

such that Vauxhall Viva and Victor, Marina, Ital, Avenger, Hunter, Triumph Toledo and Dolomite become eligible to make for a better variety of cars while retaining the flavour of the meeting.

The most fundamental change will be revert the West of England Championship back to Unlimited Bangers, run on the same build and racing rules as the Old Skool Graham Salter Meeting, and this will take place on Sunday October 4th.

2015 Fixtures

Some dates for next year that are confirmed are:-

Sunday March 15th

Micro Bangers up to 1200 cc
(1300KA permitted)

Monday April April 6th

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 May 24th

BBA 2 litre National Banger English
Championship

Sunday June 28th

Unlimited Old Skool bangers-invite
only

Final points table for 2014 (Top 40)

54	Tom Davey	145
517	Scott Weldon	122
27	Dean Quinn	105
440	Macauley Mills	102
363	Sam Trim	90
190	Steve Bailey	70
252	Boogie	70
40	Pete Stanley	65
114	Liam Lake	60
739	Jason Moore	58
329	Kevin Ealson	45
382	Jack Foster	39
189	Jamie Knox	36
162	Brett Ellacott	34
270	Shaun Baker	29
67	Ricky Beasley	29
311	Danny Allen	27

129	Lee Dalton	27
77	Patxi Beasley	27
721	Carley Gabriel	26
184	Andy Nutley	25
699	Stacey Holdsworth	24
107	Dan Chiplen	23
714	Paul Smaldon	23
452	Lurch	23
242	John Quinn	22
13	Garth Canning	21
38	Craig Allan	18
120	Mark ashley	17
300	Jon Ayles	17
444	Keiran Bellringer	16
81	Rick Bugler	16
396	Scott Mowlam	16
282	Steve Hunt	16
668	Wayne Goldsmith	15
842	Jack Perkins	15
840	Steve Shepherd	14
256	Jamie Turner	14
108	Richard Pearce	13
1	David Thomas	13

Bangers

Congratulations to Chris Neville on winning a second Points Championship, despite not finishing a race at the last meeting! Just as a reminder, we only award the Points Championship trophy to drivers who are registered with us at Mendips Raceway. Since the West of England Championship meeting on October 5th, both Sam Hollins (41) and Jason King (177) have received 12 month bans from banger racing. Both are free to continue in National Bangers or any other formula. We shall continue to ban drivers from this form of limited contact racing if they cannot race by the rules, as other tracks have done locally. Dan Rice (438) has also received a six month ORCI ban for misdemeanours at Smeatharpe on October 19th, and an indefinite ban from Banger racing. He too, may return to National Bangers if he wishes.

We are continually asked to change the rules to allow different bumpers, and radiators behind the engine, and no doubt there will be some discussion at the Drivers meeting about this.

Final points table for 2014

70	Jamie Thomas	49
929	Sam Baker	45
109	Chris Neville	42
246	Ryan Sparks	41
113	Chris Jeanes	41
384	Scott Benjafield	39
133	Jody Jeanes	38
41	Sam Hollins	38
175	Gary Hunt	36
189	Jamie Knox	32
69	John Sherriff	31
999	John Glover	30
181	Andy Churchill	29
911	James Chapman	29
911	James Chapman	27
881	Gary Emery	27
475	Ben Sealey	26
816	Martin Gill	24
372	Jay Matthews	23
938	Ashley Rice	22
438	Dan Rice	20
129	Lee Dalton	19
718	Adie Brown	17
284	Leon Benjafield	17
107	Dan Chiplen	17
668	Paul Mortimer	16
54	Tom Davey	16
270	Shaun Baker	15
718	Adie Brown	14
176	Ben King	11
271	James Shepherd	10
134	Jarret Bond	8
242	John Quinn	8
388	Ray Staples	8
247	Richard Sparks	7
427	George Harris	6
720	James Warren	6
850	Jamie Wilson	6
112	Mark Wilson	6
550	Gary Bowers	6
55	Alan Machin	6

Junior Rods

The Junior racing in 2014 has been extremely competitive, with the Points Championship going to down to the last race, and a unique situation of having joint winners! Many congratulations to Ben(700) and to Charlie(300), and we are

presenting two Points Championship trophies at the Presentation Night this year. There was some questioning over the issuing of a black cross to Charlie Ayles at the beginning of the West of England Championship, but it must be understood that the issue of a black cross by the Steward is always a warning to a driver that he may be disciplined or docked at the end of the race, and in this case, the race was won by a considerable margin, and if he did jump the start, it made no difference to the result.

Final Points Chart for 2014

700	Ben Brice	119
300	Charlie Ayles	119
66	Becky Pearce	101
956	Harry Thompson	99
784	Henry Murray	93
190	Ewan Gumbleton	92
87	Callum Richards	87
362	Aaron Loader	82
240	Rachel Bowering	79
224	Jordan Edwards	74
34	Cameron Mc Colm	70
258	Deane Hughes	61
376	Daniel Kent	60
30	Joe Capel	55
111	Millie Ruby	26
285	Jacob Anderson	24
225	Joe Edwards	19
16	Kierran Gardener	10
61	Beth Stevenson	8
911	Rhys Burgess Seabourne	8
53	Angus Hawkins	6
101	Jack Mintram	6
35	Charlie Johns	4
62	Lisa Stevenson	2
12	Levi Thame	2

Special Rods

Special Rods have not had great numbers this year but have had some very good racing, and some new drivers really getting to grips with the formula. Congratulations to Andy Pincott (85) for his West of England win, and to Rich Howard (47) for the points Championship. In the week after the West of England Championship the first three

cars had their flywheels checked for weight with the following results:- Andy Pincott (85), Tim Weare (304) 6.23kg, Russ Colenut (18) 6.27kg. The minimum weight is 6.2kg, so all cars passed. Any driver whose car was marked may now break those seals if he wishes to do so.

We hope that this will reduce the amount of gossip about drivers cheating, as it seems that once we do technical checks in one area, another one becomes the hot topic! Our thanks go to Dave, Dave, and Paul for their scrutineering work through the season.

We will have a car available at Practice Day for prospective drivers to try out the formula. There is quite a bit of interest from new drivers at the moment, so we hope that this will turn into cars on track. Dates will be on a par with 2014, although we cannot yet confirm the Summer Series, which was created through sponsorship, and at the moment it looks unlikely that that will continue. Anyone who would like to get involved in sponsoring any of the races can contact us in the usual way.

Final Points Chart for 2014

47	Richard Howard	153
18	Russ Colenut	139
85	Andy Pincott	128
304	Tim Weare	122
23	Ross Stuckey	120
41	Dene Howard	111
122	Joe Rowe	103
720	Dan Latimer	92
700	Les Brice	86
43	Andy Howard	83
26	Andy Bennet	68
136	Jason Horseman	60
51	Rob Price	60
5	Alan Lettley	58
7	Will Harraway	56
8	Andy Russell	44
324	Paul Frankland	41
35	Mark Johns	39
6	Andy Wadley	29
192	Ashley Raymond	25
364	Darren Feltham	15
668	Rob Look	2

Hot Rods

Due to a realignment of National Hot Rod World Championship Qualifying Rounds we will not be staging the Nationals this year. It is possible that they may return in the future, but we shall have to wait and see.

Final points table for 2014

718	Colin White	138
18	Larry Langmead	117
205	Mike Norton	115
125	Mike Hibberd	104
258	James Griggs	98
788	Mark Shelper	98
117	Dave Tossell	90
55	Alistair Lowe	90
35	Neil Muddle	50
578	Rick Lee	27
223	Sean Porter	13
278	Graeme Cole	6
82		2
17	Paul Tossell	2

Reliant Robins

Congratulations to Tim Weare (304) for his Points Championship win, and to Micky Ford (266) for his Entertainers League win, kindly sponsored by Mark Loader Roofing Services. The Entertainers league worked particularly well, and it really looked like Kylie Gillingham (25) was going to win, however, Micky managed to steal it on the last meeting. We will be looking for some new ideas for Crazy Day, and may even bring back the ramp! As yet we have not been asked to continue with the Midlands Mayhem Series, so we hope to be able to confirm that by December 7th.

Final points table for 2014

304	Tim Weare	97
445	Niki Loader	78
99	Steve Chappell	71
504	Andrew Worthington	62
444	Mark Loader	57

26	Russ Gillingham	52
49	Liam Boden	46
437	Cliff Worthington	46
3	Dan Tytheridge	46
702	Allen Cooper	37
100	Jerry Weeks	32
364	Darren Feltham	32
270	Shaun Baker	27
333	Tom Mannell	24
14	Aaron Charles	22
33	Jack Carnell	21
85	James Ellis	19
16	Darren Russell	19
25	Kylie Gillingham	17
441	Tom Major	14
2	Raoul Loader	12
54	Tom Davey	12
48	Stu Belcher	10
266	Micky Ford	10
21	Brad Worthington	10
267	Luke Baber	9
154	Joe Odhams	7
664	Ryan Sutcliffe	7
144	Wayne Thompson	7
264	Steve Ford	6
47	Rich Dunn	6

The Last Bit

Enclosed with this Newsletter is your 2015 Driver Licence Contract. You can renew your Licence at the Drivers Meeting, or by Post.

There is no increase in Driver Licence Fees in 2015, and the rates are as follows:-

New application, or application after 1 st January 2014	£70.00
Renewals before 1 st January 2014	£55.00
Day Licences	£25.00

We will continue to offer driver plus one free admissions



Dinner, Dance and Presentation Night

The 2014 Dinner and Dance will be held at the Webbington Hotel and Country Club on Saturday February 7th 2015 – 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets are £30 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!

Mendips Raceway Driver of the Year 2014

If you have not voted, then please contact Nicci Port. This is a drivers vote for drivers, and you can find more details on www.mendipsraceway.com. Every driver that races at Mendips Raceway is entitled to a vote and can vote for any driver in any formula-but only one vote each!! Here are some suggestions:- how about

Chris Bradbury (886) having broken all the records with a seventh consecutive Points Championship in Brisca F2; Tim Weare (304) regular driver in both Robins and Special Rods, plus there is a Junior driver in the family-great commitment; Ben Brice (700) winning the Junior Points Championship in a 50 year old car, Scott Weldon (517) winning the National Banger World Qualifying and finishing second in the Points Championship, Chris Neville(109) on his second Banger Points Championship, there are plenty of deserving cases for your votes, so don't waste your vote, and contact Nicci !





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