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Evening all, welcome to the early issue of the April newsletter, due to the fact that Easter is early again this year. So what of the season so far? Plenty of doom and gloom if you ask some, but plenty of new shoots springing up, if you ask others.

The first list of registered drivers is sixty down on the same timeline as last season. Various reasons can probably be banded around, for many it's simply a case of not having time to convert cars to the new rules. That is something the ruling bodies are going to have to address in the coming seasons. Changes, when deemed necessary need time to be implemented, Stock Car drivers are not professional racing drivers with massive back up crews and teams, they are enthusiastic participants who need a full time job to afford to go and race as a hobby as well as looking after the family. If you are going to change things, give us plenty of time or notice PLEASE. Turning the clock back a few years, it was agreed that any rule changes when implemented would run for three seasons, with any rule changes being looked at a full twelve months before any implementation to give drivers time to make the necessary changes, or at least gear up for them. Changing rules every season unless it is from a major

Health & Safety initiative is non-productive, expensive and puts potential competitors off. Hopefully the powers that be that get to see this newsletter will take on board the comments. I'm not a driver, I'm not a promoter, I'm a fan that travels the country to watch this great sport and have done so for longer than I care to remember. Promoters need drivers, drivers need promoters, and both need fans and spectators.

So that's the doom and gloom opinion, we all know everything isn't rosy in the garden but looking for positives from the first four weeks of the season, there is plenty to feel optimistic about.

The opening Skegness session of the season saw all races won by white tops, the National Points Championship has been led by Jack Aldridge, Chris Bradbury and some bloke called Moodie! Only Gordon has publicly stated that he is after the crown again, Jack I'm sure in years to come will be holder of the silver roof on many occasions and in probably the race of the year so far, Gordon was denied a first fifty point maximum of the season by Chris by six thousandths of a second in the opening Taunton GN heat, it's getting close! Young

guns looking to get to star grade or above in the first regarding are Aryton Mills, Aaron Vaight and Ashley Rundle. James Rygor and Bobby Griffin are looking to get to first time Super Star and after the first two weekends of racing 110 drivers have scored points! The aforementioned Rundle and Stuart Sculthorpe have recorded first ever-final wins and then we come to the really big news, another teenage Scottish sensation, Liam Rennie.

Now when you realise that a sixteen-year-old former Mini stocker can get his brand new unraced, untested car on the F2 stand at the NEC Autosport Show, you might be looking at someone or something special. After having spent another weekend on the F2 stand at the NEC Autosport show you look back and realise how many thousands of people you have seen, spoken to, walked past, acknowledged, handed fixture lists to, answered questions and queries for and then with hindsight you think of people you see who are on the stand, looking around, who drift off and come back, and haven't spoken to. When I asked if anyone knew who a certain youngster was I was informed it was in fact the young Mr Rennie and to be fair he seemed to be a very level headed sixteen year old, and before I could grab a word with him, he'd disappeared again. His first meeting of the season was at Birmingham and he won his first ever race, last person I can recall doing that was Jack Aldridge, say no more.

The opening weeks of the season have seen plenty of travelling, plenty of race wins plus two final wins to his credit, as this is written he is second in the National Points Championship, six points behind Gordon Moodie. Yes I know things are going to get a lot harder, tougher and things are going to go wrong but surely he has already claimed a career first title, Novice of the Year 2013!!

Other plus points? A career best start for World Champion Mickey Brennan, but then the weekend of the 23rd and 24th saw the first ever cancellation of three weekend meetings due to the weather. In 2001 with

Foot and Mouth we only ever lost two in a weekend, so a bit of a downer before the busy Easter weekend. Looking at this from a positive slant hopefully you have saved some diesel money and can do an extra Easter weekend holiday session!!

Keep the faith ladies and gents, enjoy your racing, and hopefully see you sometime soon when I'm back in work.

Carlton

Contact Details

Please note that the Contact Details for many folk within the Administration of BriSCA F2, can be located inside the front cover of the 2013 Car Construction Regulations and Driver Information book.

Technical Updates

Technical updates can be found on the BriSCA F2 website:
<http://www.briscaf2.com/information/technical.ashx>

As the season progresses, further Questions & Answers will be published on the BriSCA F2 website, in respect of queries raised.

Technical

Note that Dave Coventry (07793 836456) is the Chief Technical Officer for BriSCA F2. If you have a query of a technical nature, then the Chief Technical Officer is the person to contact.

F2 Ben Fund 2013 Fund Raising Events

The following events are what we currently have confirmed for the 2013 season

- F2 Ladies Charity Crimond Raceway - Sunday 8 September 2013
- F2 Mechanics Race – Belle Vue Stadium – 13 October 2013
- F2 Ladies Charity Trophy Race – Coventry Stadium – 19 October 2013

F2 Ladies Race – Barford Raceway – Sunday
3 November 2013

F2 Mechanics Race – Barford Raceway –
Sunday 3 November 2013

Look out for further information on the
above as the season goes on.

The 2013 season also sees us doing another
Big Ben Fund Raffle. The winner of the
raffle will get the fantastic opportunity to
race a BriSCA F2 in a full meeting including
a provided licence. Tickets are priced at
£5.00 each and are available to purchase at
meetings throughout the 2013 season. The
winning ticket will be drawn at the World
Final meeting at Taunton on 14 September
2013. Please check www.f2benfund.co.uk
for a list of what meetings we will
be in attendance at selling tickets. Online
purchases will be available on our website
shortly.

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Help Save Birmingham Wheels

Many thanks for all of the support so far to
save Birmingham Wheels.

We have now pressed on with the
e-petition through the Birmingham City
Council website, which has to go through a
checking process before it is published. This
has finally been agreed, so we are now up
and running with that.

The terms state that petitioners should not
be duplicated, so effectively if you signed
a paper one at the weekend, then you
shouldn't really sign the e-petition.

The link for the e-petition is
[http://epetition.birmingham.public-i.tv/
epetition_core/community/sign/1644](http://epetition.birmingham.public-i.tv/epetition_core/community/sign/1644)

I really believe that the main problem with
all of this is the total lack of understanding
of what the raceway means and the
entertainment it provides to so many people
throughout the year. We know that we are
a minority sport and this is a prime example
of the lack of recognition that we get.

The more support for this petition that we

get can only help and hopefully get the
important people to think and find the
correct solution. You never know – we
might just end up with a far better facility!
So get signing – we need your support!
Incidentally, if any of you wish to help any
further with paper petitions, then please
ring me on 0121-357 7328 – if I am not
there, please leave a message and I will ring
you back.

Paul Gerrard
RACE DIRECTOR

News from Autospeed

ST DAY

Thanks to all drivers in helping to swell the
car count to 31 for the opening meeting
of the new season, on Sunday 3 March at
St Day.

Next up in Cornwall will be Sunday 5 May
– the first day that new grades come into
force in the south west. This meeting will
be sponsored by Geoff Phillips & Son Plant
Hire.

TAUNTON

On Sunday 14 April, Smeatharpe (the 2013
World Championship venue) will stage the
third annual Remembering Rog meeting in
memory of the late #95 Roger Willcock.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship from:
John Smith Tyres, Richard Williams, Hatt
Service Centre, Plymcrete, MDP Services,
John Harding's Motorworld, Hatt Service
Centre, Andrew Bennett, Dave Geach Plant
Hire, and Beeches Holiday Park

...there will be a commemorative mug for
every driver that races at this meeting.
There will also be a brand new tyre to the
day's top scoring White grade driver, and
for the day's top scoring Yellow grade driver.
Tim Farrell's Turtle Signs will be supplying
Grade Awards.

BOOKINGS

Bookings for St Day and Taunton can be
made via the Autospeed website:

[http://www.autospeed.co.uk/driver-
booking.ashx](http://www.autospeed.co.uk/driver-booking.ashx)

Or by phone – 01872 271199 or 01934
631500. Or by fax – 01872 272993.

News from Crimond Raceway

The 2013 season gets underway at Crimond raceway on April 7th at 1pm with this season being the busiest to date with 11 F2 dates. Our first main event for the F2's will be the world qualifier meeting on Sunday May 19th; this is earlier than our normal June date but was arranged this way so that all the F2 Scottish W/Q rounds will be over a 5-day period.

Cowdenbeath will be on Saturday the 18th, Crimond on Sunday the 19th and Knockhill on Wednesday the 22nd. Hopefully this will encourage a few southern visitors to make the trip north and have a wee Scottish holiday at the same time!

Following on from the success of the Crimond F2 speed weekend in 2011, another one has been arranged for this season on the weekend of June 29/30th where drivers will compete for the "Highland Challenge". Overnight camping at the track is available for this event with a £10 charge per vehicle/Caravan going to FORDS. Exact details for this event are being finalised and will be published in the next BriSCA F2 newsletter. As always at Crimond visiting drivers are most welcome and we hope to see you during the 2013 season.

News from GMP Scotland

There is a one week break for F2s at the start of April – due to the World Cup for National Bangers on Saturday 6 April. Thereafter, there is weekly race action each Saturday night throughout the rest of the month – comprising 13, 20 and 27 April.

Early bookings are strongly encouraged via the GMP website, to help ensure accurate Previews can be shown on the website.

News from Mendips Raceway

We are pleased to announce that there will be an extra Rookies Reward series round for white and yellow graded BriSCA F2 Stock Car drivers on Monday May 6th

2013. This is as a result of a sponsorship package agreed recently with Shocktec, a leading manufacturer of shock absorbers for all types of race cars, which is now owned and operated by Ben Edwards, former Weymouth Wallies banger racer, and proprietor of Park Engineering in Weymouth. There will be two sets of four shock absorbers awarded one to the highest finishing white grader and one to the highest finishing yellow top. Shocktec are also sponsoring the Stock Car racing on Sunday June 30th at Mendips Raceway. We are delighted to welcome Ben and his company back to the Raceway with this sponsorship agreement.

April Fixtures

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| Mon | 1 | Buxton 1pm, Taunton 1pm, Skegness 2pm, Belle Vue 4.30pm
WOS Q |
| Thu | 4 | Skegness 7.30pm |
| Sat | 6 | Mildenhall 6.30pm |
| Sun | 7 | Crimond 1pm, Buxton 1pm
(rescheduled from Easter Monday) |
| Tue | 9 | Belle Vue 7pm (not Stoke) |
| Sat | 13 | Coventry 6pm QR & WOS Q,
Cowdenbeath 6pm |
| Sun | 14 | Barford 1.30pm, Buxton 1pm,
Taunton 1pm |
| Sat | 20 | Birmingham 6.30pm QR,
Cowdenbeath 6pm. |
| Sun | 21 | Crimond 1pm, Hednesford
1.30pm QR |
| Sat | 27 | Cowdenbeath 6pm, Mildenhall
6.30pm WOS Q |
| Sun | 28 | Barford 1.30pm, Northampton
1.30pm QR |