

April Newsletter

You can all breathe a sigh of relief now, you have all completed the ARDS courses successfully and can now consider yourselves proper racing drivers!!! I know some of you have already received your licences, don't forget to put your photo on the licence (don't staple) and sign it! Well done to all of you.

Those of you who only completed your ARDS on Wednesday will be receiving your licences next week. I hope you enjoyed your ARDS experience with the Silverstone Racing School, they do organise a very good day with some of the best instructors to help you.

Once you have received your licence would you please email me your licence number. You should all have received your BARC membership cards as well, if you have not please let me know.

SILVERSTONE TRACK DAY

Preparations are now underway for your exclusive test day at Silverstone on either 22nd April or 2nd May. Timetable will be available shortly, but expect to arrive around 8.30 , you want to get as much track time on the day as possible. You will be split into groups again and the day will consist of track familiarisation in the morning, and track sessions in the afternoon with instructor's assessment. Our Championship Eligibility Scrutineer will also be on hand to answer your many scrutineering questions, and Caterham Midlands will be there to help with any technical problems etc.

You will not be allowed to take passengers out and no one else will be able to take your car out onto the circuit.

Fuel will be available on site on the main circuit next to the Paddock Diner. You will probably use more fuel than you think, don't forget you will be pounding round Stowe circuit quite a few times during the course of the day! Lunch will be available from the Paddock Diner on the main complex, this lunch is not included in the day, therefore remember to bring some money or a packed lunch!

Your cars should be race prepared and you should have all the necessary safety gear, overalls, helmets, gloves etc. Most importantly do not forget the arm restraints as you will be asked to use these on the day, the more practice you get with these before the events the better. If you have not already had your helmet scrutineered you will be able to do so, again, don't forget to bring your £1.

Please, if you have any questions regarding this day please contact me.

Spirit of the Academy

Just to remind you all that this championship was set up in 1995 as a way for competitors to start and compete in motor sport without resorting to large amounts of testing and practice.

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We understand that lots of you are going to do track days etc, which is a good idea as you do need to have as much time in the car as possible, but I would ask that you do not participate in any specific race events unless they are promoted by the Academy. We of course cannot stop you participating in any event once you have your Nat B licence, but would ask that you respect the Academy and what it stands for. There will be some track days coming up which we are happy to promote and details of those will be available shortly.

Which leads me on to an invitation from the Silverstone Racing School for you to join in a Caterham Lapping Day on the Grand Prix Circuit on Wed 25th June, details of which I emailed to you yesterday. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to drive the Grand Prix Circuit, you will get four track sessions of about 30 mins each for a cost of £250 including vat. Spaces are limited and will be sold on a first come first served basis, ring 01327 320412 or 320456 to book.

DECALS

You should all have the championship decals by now, most were given out on the ARDS days. All the spare decals will be available from Caterham Midlands. If any of you want to purchase packs of numbers, please email Tony Murray at tony.murray@btopenworld.com. Instructions on how to apply, where to put them etc is included in the pack. If you are not sure where the scrutineering decals go we will show you on your Test Day.

TECHNICAL

Just to confirm the regulation clarification sent to you all in March regarding camber angles from Caterham Technical Director, Jez Coates:

Maximum front camber angle 2.5 degrees

Maximum rear camber angle 2.0 degrees

TRANSPONDERS

Just to confirm that you do not need these until your first race at the end of August. The order form is on the back of the BARC Technical Regulations, instructions for fitting will be given out nearer the time.

BARC WEBSITE

This is a very useful website for you to log on to, you can download regulations, and entry forms etc. If you have not yet sent in your Curborough and Hethel entry form you must do so asap. I am missing forms from Ben Scammell, Ian Atkinson, John Ratledge, Rob Thomas Ross Marley, Paul Phipps, James Weedon for Curborough; these are available to download on the website. Hethel forms, I am waiting for Ross, Chris Milner, Ben Scammel, John Ratledge and Rob Thomas.

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I will be out of the office from 12th April until Good Friday. You are welcome to contact me on my mobile 07736 240470 if you need to. If you have any concerns regarding the building of your car, SVA etc contact Caterham Midlands on 01455 841616, or Caterham Factory at Dartford on 01322 625804. If you have any scrutineering queries please contact Andy Billett on 07774 178381, please ring him at a reasonable hour!!

Hope you all have a good Easter, will see some of you on the 22nd at Silverstone.

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