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Rockingham

Hallo everyone, hope you have all recovered from a fantastic weekend at Rockingham. It was a wonderful beginning to the season and you are all to be congratulated on your exciting, close, but disciplined racing! It was Caterham racing at its best, full of thrills and kept everyone on their toes throughout both the 30 min Races for A and the 15 min races for B, the commentator was exhausted at the end of all your races!! Congratulations to our winners, but also to all of you, you put on a wonderful show. I hope this continues throughout the season.

It was great to welcome some new faces to our grids this year. In A, Richard Williams, Pim Tiddens, all the way from Holland, Chris Nicholas, Soh Fukushima, Ian Stones, and of course our Scottish contingent, Malcolm Johnstone, Ally McKeever, and the Ecurie Ecosse team of Andrew Smith and Alasdair McCaig, son of Ecurie Ecosse stalwart Hugh McCaig, who was at Rockingham to cheer his lads on. In B we have only one newcomer to the grid, John Barbour, all the others are previous B racers or last years Academy rookies, who are now on another rung of the Caterham Racing ladder.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

This is a technical bulletin issued by Jez Coates, Caterham's Technical Director:

' A revised tune for the engine management system fitted to the EU3 version of the Roadsports A "Supersports" engine has been developed by MG-Rover for Caterham Cars.

This tune does not provide any advance in performance over the original EU3 tune or over the previous EU2 version of the engine.

What it does is to provide a greater margin of safety if the engine is used with low octane fuel. It was developed as a result of use of the specification engine in Turkey where fuel quality is variable. Whilst there is no Roadsport Race in Turkey planned for the foreseeable future, it is prudent to upgrade your ECU to the latest tune.

This service will be provided free of charge by Caterham in conjunction with MG Rover

Please return your **clearly labelled** ECU complete with the black immobilisation unit to the factory for the attention of the Engineering Department. It will be re-programmed and returned to you as quickly as possible. Every effort will be made to return your ECU to fit in with any testing commitments you may have.

It is envisaged that all ECUs will be upgraded for the next round of the championship at Cadwell on the 18th May.

If you are not sure whether your engine is EU2 or EU3 identification is as follows:

The early EU2 specification has a single coil bolted to the side of the engine cylinder block and a distributor cap fitted to the rear of the inlet cam.

Later EU3 specification engines have double ended coils mounted on top of the cam cover under a plastic cover'.

If you have any queries contact the Engineering Department at the Caterham Factory at Dartford on 01322 625800.

Please do not forget to label your parts!!

Scrutineering Issues

Please please, if you know your car is in danger of leaking oil or other fluids do not attempt to go out onto the circuit until the problem has been rectified. This causes huge problems to both the circuit and your fellow drivers, and is a hazard.

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Please remember that whilst cars are in Parc Ferme no one other than the driver should be with the car until the car and the driver have been released, and no work is permitted on the car.

Prize giving

I want to thank those of you who stayed for prize giving for Roadsport A at the end of the meeting. I do understand that you want to get away as quickly as possible, but I think it is pretty poor show when only a handful of you turn up to congratulate your fellow competitors. Minister Racing Engines have kindly donated their 'Minister Driver of the Day' award again this year, and I would like to see more of you on hand to witness the presentation of this well deserved award.

The recipients of this award at Rockingham were Dominic Paul and Richard Williams in A, and Derek Weale and Steven Colborne-Baber in B, congratulations to you all.

I apologise for the delay in the newly designed Caterham trophy for 1st 2nd 3rd, I can assure you these trophies will be worth waiting for and will be presented at Cadwell. As soon as a timetable is available I will organise time and venue for prize giving.

Sponsorship Decals

I apologise for the late arrival of the sponsorship decals for some of you, and congratulate all of you for working so hard to get them on in time, the garages were a hive of activity on Saturday morning (well done Mr Medley for upsetting a rather large bucket of water). Spare decals and numbers will be available from Team Parker Racing at each event.

Cadwell Park

Please remember that this is not a Super Club Meeting, therefore you must pay the full entry fee and not deduct £95 for the testing fee. Testing is not included in this meeting and you must book your own testing direct with the circuit.

To confirm again the Super Club Meetings:
Silverstone National in May/June
Brands Hatch in June
Croft
Snetterton

If you want the 30 minute testing session included in your weekend you must pay the full entry fee as stipulated on your entry form, if you do not wish to test please deduct the £95.

HOSPITALITY

This was touched on briefly at Rockingham and I know that the Driver Reps are going to discuss this further with you all, but we are hoping that this will be available initially at Silverstone.

CATERHAM TRACK DAYS

Caterham in conjunction with Octagon and Silverstone Race School offer you exclusive 'Caterham Only' track time at Snetterton on Wednesday 16th April. This is an ideal opportunity to take potential sponsors and friends out for a 'Hot Lap Caterham Experience' (good chance to impress your girlfriends and frighten your mothers). Dependent on numbers, sessions will be for novice and experienced drivers, and each group is likely to get four or five 20 min sessions. There will be an instructor on hand for the novices to give advice at no additional charge. Places are limited so book now by ringing Silverstone Race School on 01327 320453 or email race@octagon.com

SPRING BABIES

Congratulations to Andy Thompson and his wife on the safe arrival of no less than two bouncing babies, James and Jemma, no wonder Andy looked tired! Jon Davis was very lucky to be competing at Rockingham, as his wife was taken into hospital on the Friday, and Jon insisted to his co driver Richard Holmes, that he would be on hand to take over for the second race even if his wife produced in the meantime. Brave man many of you may say, but foolish also as I am sure he would have paid for that for a very long time. Luckily for Jon this new little bundle decided to stay warm for a while longer so Jon was able to compete, and indeed had one of his best drives! Have not heard any more news yet but hope he soon gets lots of sleepless nights!!

We are now awaiting news of another imminent arrival which should happen around Cadwell time, congrats to Gordon and Mandy Matthews who await their new arrival, Gordon will not be with us at Cadwell and we wish them all well.

Just to let you know that I will be out of the office from Saturday 12th until Good Friday, but you may contact me on my mobile if you wish, 07736 240470. I am going up to Norfolk for a few days and will probably go to the Track day at Snetterton so hope to see some of you there.

Have a good Easter everyone.

Kim

