

NEWSLETTER

1 October 2003

R400 wheels

You will recall that following a magnesium wheel failure at Silverstone earlier in the year, a bulletin was sent to all R400 teams and drivers:

Routine maintenance of magnesium race wheels

The following is advice from the Caterham Cars technical department concerning:

Front Wheel 77382RM or 77382BM &
Rear Wheel 77383RM or 77383BM

All magnesium wheel centres should be crack tested using a penetrative dye system at least once per season. In addition to this, crack testing should be carried out on any wheel that has been involved in an accident and in these instances again after a further 250 track miles regardless of the results of the initial test.

Following the failure of two magnesium wheels at Brands Hatch last weekend, it transpires that in both cases cracks were present in the majority of the webs and that neither wheel had recently been crack tested.

An urgent inspection of all wheels in the paddock found six further wheels to be cracked. Further investigation is currently underway into the matter and we are working on a solution for next season.

However, for the remainder of this year **please observe the critical importance of crack testing these wheels in accordance**

with the original bulletin. All wheels which may be used at Brands MUST be crack-tested before the final round of the championship.



Dan Stilp leads John Gaw

Congrats & commiserations

A very well done to Dan Stilp, who all but sealed victory in the championship at Brands with a fine race win and a second place. But our hearts go out to Dillon Battistini, who drove brilliantly in race one

to win and who then found himself in the gravel trap at Druids in race two.

Dillon still has a slight chance of winning the championship, but it rests on Dan not scoring a single point and Dillon taking the win at Brands along with pole and fastest lap.

If Dan can get pole for the final round, the title is his. If Dillon starts from P1, then Dan has either to try to set fastest race lap or to finish eighth or higher in the race.

A big hand also to Jon Barnes, third in race one, and to John Gaw, who kept Dan honest all the way to the flag in race two, and to Martin Rich for his best-yet third place. Well done all, and especially to Dillon and Dan, who were also our Minister Drivers of the Day.

Nice to see a couple of old faces back on the grid – hope to see Peter Mangion and Gerry Taylor back on a more regular basis next season.

R400s on TV

Sky TV times for the Brands GP races are as follows:

23/10/03 2.30am Sky Sports 2

23/10/03 11am Sky Sports 2

23/10/03 2pm Sky Sports 1

26/10/03 8.30am Sky Sports 3

Please note that these times remain subject to change at short notice.

Brands Indy testing

Testing sessions are on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 October; book through Andy Hunt (01474 875229, email andy.hunt@brandshatchcircuits.co.uk)

Brands entry forms

... are attached; please note closing date of **this Friday, 3 October!**

Annual awards evening

Another reminder that the Caterham Motorsport annual awards evening is on 8 November at the Copthorne Effingham



Dillon Battistini

Park, Surrey. Tickets are available at £45 per head from the Caterham Cars sales office. Cheques/Mastercard/Switch payments acceptable. Please send all payments to: Andy Noble, Sales & Marketing Director, Caterham Cars, Station Avenue, Caterham, Surrey CR3 6LB. Fax 01883 333707

Karting challenge

The Graduates club is organising another karting event at Crawley from 1230-1700 on 8 November, the day of the dinner.

There will be teams from all the Caterham championships, and we want an R400 Challenge squad of between four and seven drivers.

To that end, we are looking for a **team captain** to organise and cajole. Please will someone step forward...

Kay Carter



Entries to: Vicki Squirrell: BRSCC 35 Kings Hill Ave, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4RR

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1) The British Racing and Sports Car Club Limited (HQ & South Eastern Centre) will organise the Formula Ford Festival XXXII at Brands Hatch Indy (Circuit Length 1.2262 miles clockwise) on 17th, 18th & 19th October 2003 under MSA Permit No TBA. The meeting will be held under the General Regulations of the MSA (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and the Supplementary Regulations and any ASR's or written instructions the organising club may issue for the event. Please read Final Instructions or subsequent bulletins issued to you for this event. The Organisers reserve the right to postpone, abandon or cancel the meeting or any part thereof. In this event the competitor or entrant has no right to claim against the Organisers in respect of any loss or expense he may thereby incur.

Formula Ford Festival entry forms will be available closer to the time from BRSCC HQ

2) Support Races	Status	Fee
A. Caterham R400 Challenge	Nat A	£245
B. Caterham Roadsport Challenge A	Nat B	£245
C. Caterham Roadsport Challenge B	Nat B	£190
D. AON Global GT Lights Championship	Nat B	£300
E. Zip Formula Championship - DH	Nat B	£TBA
F. King of the Kents Formula Ford 1600 Challenge	Nat B	£200
G. HSCC Historic Formula Ford Championship	Nat B	£190
H. BRSCC/BARC Classic Formula Ford C'ship	Nat B	£190
I. Caterham Academy A	Nat B	£190
K. Caterham Academy B	Nat B	£190
L. Caterham Graduates	Nat B	£300
M. Caterham Super Graduates	Nat B	£300

3) Eligible Competitors

Race A: MSA National 'A' Race Licence Holders or above, Racing members of BRSCC
Races B to E: MSA National 'B' Race Licence Holders or above, Racing members of the BRSCC
Race F: MSA National 'B' Race Licence Holders or above, Racing members of invited clubs.
Races G: MSA National 'B' Race Licence Holders or above, Racing members of the HSCC.
Race H: MSA National 'B' Race Licence Holders or above, Racing members of the BRSCC or BARC
Races I to M: MSA National 'B' Race Licence Holders or above, Racing members of the BARC.

In addition to the above a valid National licence issued by other ASN's will be accepted. (E2.21.4) This event is NEAFP inscribed. Club Membership Cards and Racing Competition Licences will be inspected. Drivers requiring observation for upgrading should deposit their Race Record Card with the organisers when signing on.

4) Officials

Clerk of the Course: TBA
MSA Steward: TBA
BRSCC Stewards : Mr D Jennings & Mr N Benfield
Secretary of Meeting: Miss C Williams
Chief Scrutineer: TBA
Chief Medical Officer: Dr Alan Pearce
Timing by: MST

The Judges of Fact will be the Judges, Timekeepers, Observers, Driving Standards Observers, Environmental Scrutineers, Environmental Inspectors, Scrutineers and Technical Commissioners.

5) Starters

The maximum number of starters in all races will be 30. The minimum in each race will be 12 and in each class 4. Should any of the minimum figures specified not be reached, the organisers have the right to amalgamate or cancel races and/or classes. In cases of oversubscribed races entries will be accepted in accordance with the relevant regulations.

6) Entries

The opening date is **Two Calendar Months** prior to the starting date of the race meeting- The closing date is **14 Days** prior to the starting date of the race meeting. In addition to MSA G.R.B.10.2 the Organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry at their discretion.

7) Entry Fees:

Any entry not accompanied by the correct entry fee is not a valid entry. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Secretary of the Meeting for an additional charge of £25. N.B. Where a late entry is accepted the organisers may not be in a position to issue the full complement of passes, these may have to be purchased from the circuit. Bank charges for unpaid cheques etc. will be passed on to the competitor by the Club at the rate of £25 per transaction.

8) Refund of Entry Fees:

Entry fees may be refunded to competitors who notify the organisers, in writing, before noon on the Tuesday prior to the event and return all paperwork and tickets to the Competition Secretary. A stamped addressed envelope must accompany returned paperwork and passes. Surplus entries practising in a single class race and failing to qualify - No refund. Nominated reserves who do not get a race: automatic £75 refund, irrespective of category.

NO REFUND will be payable after noon on the Tuesday prior to the meeting.

9) Driver Changes:

Any application for change of driver or vehicle must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Meeting, in accordance with MSA G.R B.12.1.12, before qualifying and will be permitted at the discretion of the Stewards of the Meeting.

10) Competition Numbers:

Numbers must be displayed in accordance with MSA G.R. E.11.3.11. It is the Entrants responsibility to ensure that numbers are clearly visible during practice and race. Holders of permanent numbers should enter that number in the appropriate space, otherwise the Organisers reserve the right to allocate any number.

11) Qualifying:

There will be separate timed sessions for each race. Drivers must complete at least three laps to qualify for a place on the grid. Drivers qualifying out of session, or who qualify only through familiarity of the circuit, will be placed at the back of the grid in accordance with MSA G.R. J.13.6.3.

12) Grids/Starts:

Grids will be as determined by the relevant regulations. Competitors are requested to stop engines upon arrival at the starting grid but there will be no penalty for a push start or the use of auxiliary starting systems. For details of start procedures see regulations and the Final Instructions issued for the meeting.

13) Pits:

Cars calling at the pits during practice or racing must use the pit entry road. Failure to use the road correctly, crossing any marker line or not complying with directions given by pit marshals on entering or leaving the pits, may lead to exclusion.

14) Timing:

Individual times for Scrutineering, Qualifying and Racing will be notified in Final Instructions.

15) Results:

Provisional results will be published, in accordance with regulations, as soon as possible after each race or at the end of the meeting and will be available from Race Administration.

16) Protests:

Protests should be made in accordance with MSA G.R. O.5.

17) Awards:

Unless regulations say less, Trophies will be awarded as follows:-
Single Class Race Trophies to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place only
Multiple Class Race Trophies to class winners
Trophies to 2nd in class-subject to 4 or more starters
Trophies to 3rd in class - subject to 6 or more starters

Additional trophies may be provided by the permit holding club

18) Health & Safety:

In addition to being published in the Racing Members Yearbook, circuit health & safety regulations will also be available on the day of the meeting on the Club noticeboard or at signing on. Competitors must ensure that they are familiar with these regulations.

Entry Secretary - Vicki Squirrell
Tel: 01732 848884 Fax: 01732 848989

Entry Sent.....

Brands Hatch
17th, 18th & 19th October 2003

You are reminded that under MSA competitors Yearbook 2003 G.R.J.9.1.12. that
"Any driver who has not raced at this circuit before, must report to the Clerk of the Course, or his nominee, prior to practising"

