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NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER

Another season over, doesn't time fly?
It was great to finish the year at the Brands Festival yet again, and it was dry!!

Congratulations to our Championship Winners, James Bromley in A, Dougie in Inters and Mike Blackadder in B. Congrats also to our podium guys over the weekend.

The Roadsport A Championship as you all know did finish on a sour note as Graham Fennymore was disqualified after a post-race eligibility protest, made by one of his former Arrowstar team mates. Graham's car was found to be fitted with Areoquip brake hose, illegal modifications to the aperture in the nose cone, and holes were found to have been drilled in the roll cage. Due to the fact that three separate protests had been put forward to the Clerk of the Course, and upheld, Graham had to forfeit 120 championship points.

The first of the two races was red flagged twice, James having come off in the gravel at Druids, managed to get back to the grid for the re start. Red flags came out again, this time James was in the gravel at Paddock and due to the fact that his car was not running at the time of the red flag, which was caused by a spinner I believe at Clark Curve, he was unable to take part in the second part of the race. This of course was good news to Fennymore at this time

who did win the race, but was later excluded from the results and was therefore, unable to take part in the second race...

James was able to take part in the second race, but from the back of the grid. It was a thrilling race with James soon making his way up the grid, and a battle with Chris Nicholas ensued. Chris did not give in and won the race in great style, James second and Nathan third. James won the Minister Driver of the Day Award for his efforts.

The Inter Class was won by Dougie Clark, well done Dougie, but he did not have it all his way at Brands. Newcomer to the series for the Brands event, Malcolm Barnett, who is going to contest the Roadsport A Championship next year, won both Inter races, and also Minister Driver of the Day Award. Coming second in each race was enough for Dougie to clinch the championship from Stephen Rowden, who unfortunately did not finish the first race. Dougie wins a Roadsport A upgrade for next year.

Mike Blackadder in B must have had one of the most emotional races of his short career in the two final rounds. In the first race, both he and John Aylott, his rival for the Championship were in trouble, Mike spun down the Brabham Straight, narrowly avoiding contact with the pit wall and

finished a lowly 21st. But John had spun at Druids and finished 14th. So the scene was set for a dramatic finale on Sunday. The race was thrilling to say the least, and it was wonderful to see Antony Di Lorenzo on the podium with a trophy in his hand, don't think he could quite believe it and nor could we, he had the race of his life!

The final race on Sunday, the Championship decider, was stopped very early on due to a midfield accident, which helped Mike as he had started from the back of the grid. With a number of cars eliminated his progress to the front was made much easier. By the time the chequered flag was out Mike drove a brilliant race to finish in 5th place! John Aylott had suffered a puncture so his hopes of the crown were dashed.

Nick Potter had the time of his life, he won both the B races, but only just, and Neil Fletcher, who was in with a chance of winning the championship if he had two wins, finished 2nd behind Nick in the first race by just five thousandth's of a second and third in the second race.

Well done guys, a brilliant weekend, and Mike, you deserved to win, fantastic achievement, well done.

PLUM PUDDING RACE

An opportunity for you to work off that Christmas Dinner, and to give your family a chance to clear up after Christmas Day whilst you go and play with your Caterham's!

This is an annual event held at Mallory Park. For £100 you will get practice and two races. Race 1 grid will be drawn from a hat, race 2 grid will be race 1 reversed. If anyone is interested please contact Alan Ward at b19aln@yahoo.co.uk I think there will be classes for Academy and Roadsports.

TV

Transmission times for Caterham Motorsport programme 8 Brands Hatch will be as below: As always these times are subject to change.

28/10/04 18.30 SP Extra
28/10/04 21.30 SS3
29/10/04 02.00 SS2
29/10/04 09.30 SS2

CATERHAM RACING 2005

Just to confirm my e mail regarding what is happening next year. Caterham Cars Ltd have made a decision not to upgrade the present Roadsport A specification. This means that in 2005, Roadsport A in its current specification but with a new CR500 tyre, will be on a shared grid with R400. This championship will race with a promoted package, details of which are yet to be confirmed.

As I have two grids of both Inter and B Classes I will not be able to co ordinate the Roadsport A championship next year and will have to bid you all a fond farewell! I have already told you about Ros Jones taking over the running of this championship and I know you will make her very welcome. Some of you may already know that Ros is the wife of one of our favourite commentator's Brian Jones and has worked in motor sport for a number of years. She has worked for the BRSCC as competitions and marshal's secretary and has successfully co ordinated the BRSCC's T Cars Youth Race Training Championship, so she has much experience in dealing with difficult situations.

Please continue to send any enquiries to me until Ros takes over sometime in November.

ROADSPORT INTERS

Roadsport Inters will have their own stand alone grid; I have at present 21 pre registrations. It has been confirmed that there will be no upgrade to the Supersport spec, and dry sumps will be illegal. Final technical regulations will be announced soon. I am attaching upgrade pricing details for you. Technical support will be supplied by Caterham Midlands at a cost to be shared by those of you requiring that support. Roadsport B are also looking into support by Midlands too, and if this happens the cost will be shared by both B and Inter competitors.

I am attaching updated Roadsport A Inter and B pre registration lists.

BITS AND BOBS

Don't forget to book for the Caterham Awards Dinner, tickets available from Caterham Sales on 01883333700. Venue is Whittlebury Hall at Silverstone, book direct on 01327 857857 or by e mailing on sales@whittleburyhall.co.uk

PRE DINNER KARTING

Graeme Smith is organising the annual pre dinner karting competition again. If you want to take part please contact Graeme direct at Graeme.Smith@astrazeneca.com This will take place at Milton Keynes and will be 90 minute race starting at 1.00pm. Cost is £125 per team plus £2.50 per driver for insurance. You have to book directly with the circuit on 0845 644 5503 but please let Graeme know you have entered. Good luck!

THANKS

Thanks of course go to all our sponsors and contributors. Also to Minister Racing Engines Ltd for providing us with their coveted 'Minister Driver of the Day Award'

Thanks to Andy and Ian Billett, our eligibility scrutineers. I am sure you will all be pleased to know that Andy has recovered from his illness. A big thank you to Ian for covering at Brands. Andy has decided not to continue with Roadsports next year but will continue to scrutineer for the Caterham Academy. Andy has been a very fair, helpful and approachable scrutineer, and I thank him for all the hard work he has put in for Roadsports Championships over the past couple of years.

I would like to say a huge thanks to Dickie from Hyperion who has always gone out of his way to look after me; I shall miss the early morning coffee! Thanks to Andy Parker and Steve Hindle, who have also been a big help to me over the last couple of years.

A very big thank you from me to Neil Fletcher, driver rep in Roadsport B who has gone out of his way to help me with all sorts of issues, thanks Neil. Thanks also to Graham Fennymore, Roadsport A driver rep for his input into discussions regarding the A championship for next year.

I wish all competitors and teams success in whatever you decide to do in your Motor racing career.

Kim Denning
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