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Here we go, then, with the start of the 2013 season. The first Newsletter is a highly significant one. Due to a change in personal circumstances, Carlton Elliott, who has compiled the Newsletter for the past few years, has been unable to contribute this time. The sport will be hoping that Carlton can resume his role sooner rather than later.

Each month, the Newsletter will be published on the BriSCA F2 website – www.briscaf2.com

A paper copy of the Newsletter will ONLY be mailed if there is VITAL information which needs to be communicated to EVERY driver. For instance, a Rule Change or a Clarification – such as the two vital pieces of information detailed below.

It is important for all drivers to get into the mindset that, when the monthly edition of *unloaded 7.3* magazine arrives by post, they should instantly go to the F2 website to read (and/or download) the Newsletter too.

BriSCA F2 wishes each and every driver the very best of luck for the new season. Please go and enjoy yourselves.

BriSCA F2 2013 Rule Changes Clarification Update 22-Feb-13 (E&OE)

BriSCA F2 has received a number of questions and comments seeking clarification or updates following the publication of the 2013 season rulebook. The questions and their answers are detailed below to ensure all drivers receive the same official information in response.

Roof Plate Dimensions – Typographical Error

There is a typing error in rule 203.4.2 of the printed rule-book regarding the dimensions of the roof plate.

The first sentence should read:

“The roof plate MUST be at least a MINIMUM of 560mm in length across its entire width, and at least a MINIMUM of 400mm in width along its entire length.”

The correct width is 400mm (as per the 2012 rule), and NOT 460mm as printed in the distributed rulebook.

BriSCA F2 apologies for any undue concern caused.

Steering Wheel

Have I got to move my steering wheel to conform to the new rule?

There is effectively no change in the placement of the steering wheel. This is a safety rule aimed at protecting the driver's hands in the event of a violent impact. The rule has simply been reworded for clarity to include the reasoning behind it, and remove the ambiguity that in theory would have previously allowed a steering wheel to be located outside of the roll-cage.

2012: Rule 202 – "It is further recommended that the steering wheel is well inside the front rollcage pillars"

2013: Rule 203.6.6 – "The steering wheel MUST be positioned well inside the cab, such that the driver's fingers are not at risk of catching in the windscreen mesh under normal racing conditions."

BriSCA F2 Chairman

On 16 January, Dave Coventry (of RDC Promotions) became the new Chairman of BriSCA F2 (the association of promoters).

After three years (2010 to 2012 inclusive), Crispin Rosevear (Autospeed) has stepped down from the role of Chairman. Dave Coventry has previous experience as the Chairman of BriSCA F2, having held the post until the end of the 2009 season.

Fixtures

Please note the following adjustments to the printed F2 Fixture List:

Friday 29 March – the Northampton meeting is promoted by Autospeed, and bookings should go to Autospeed for this meeting, not to Incarace

Tuesday 9 April – this is Belle Vue, NOT Stoke

Saturday 22 June – note that this meeting at Coventry is an additional World of Shale QR

Sunday 28 July – Barford has been missed off the printed F2 Fixture List

Sunday 25 August – ST Day has been missed off the printed F2 Fixture List

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.

BriSCA F2 Tyres for 2013 and beyond

A steering Committee has been set up to consider the options for the supply of tyres to BriSCA F2 for 2014 and beyond. It will consider a testing programme, restrictions on tyre use, and the commercial aspects of awarding the contract for future supply. There are several companies who have put forward tyres for evaluation, including the current supplier Polleysport.

Polleysport have announced that there will be no increase in the price of the A021R tyre for the 2013 season. The price remains at £52.50 per tyre.

Prize Schedule for 2013

All Heats, Cons and GN £25, 15, 10, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5

All Finals £60, 35, 30, 20, 10, 10, 10, 5

Final winner receives double prize money in GN if placing in top eight.

English Open, Scottish and Irish

Championships, F2 Challenge, Grand National Championship, Ben Fund and F2 Nationals plus all White and Yellow series

Final £100, 60, 45, 40, 35, 30, 20, 10, 5, 5

British, European and World of Shale Finals

£200, 100, 75, 60, 40, 25, 15, 10, 10

Consolation Semi Final £50, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10

World Final £1500, 600, 400, 250, 125, 100, 75, 50, 25, 25

2013 F2 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Drivers are asked to note the big change to the World Championship series, is the award of 5 attendance points for each qualifying round at which they race. There is no limit to the number of qualifying rounds a driver attends, and each 5-point attendance bonus will count towards the driver's World points score. The attendance bonuses will be added to a driver's Best 5 Scores, and from that list of points scorers, the top 56 drivers will progress to the World Semi Finals at Bristol on Sunday 4 August.

2013 F2 WORLD OF SHALE SERIES

Further to the publication of the Fixture List, there is now a slight change to the World of Shale series. The series will consist of eleven qualifying rounds with the final to be held at Mildenhall in September.

In a change to the qualification process for 2013, the top 20 drivers in the points table after the eleven qualifying rounds will be seeded directly to the championship final. World of Shale Final night will commence with a Last Chance qualifiers race, open to the next available 28 drivers in the points table from which the top 6 will join the grid. If any reserves are needed because of no-shows on the night, they will be taken from 7th position onwards in the Last Chance race.

In a further change, drivers will earn 5 attendance points for each qualifying round at which they race in addition to any race points scored.

As in the 2012 event held at King's Lynn, the Dutch will have their own qualifying series for the right to be represented on the grid, with the top six drivers joining the line-up on rows 3, 6 and 9.

The full list of dates is as follows:

Round 1. 2 March, King's Lynn.

Round 2. 23 March, King's Lynn.

Round 3. 30 March, Stoke.

Round 4. 1 April, Belle Vue.

Round 5. 13 April, Coventry.

Round 6. 27 April, Mildenhall.

Round 7. 6 May, Sheffield.

Round 8. 18 May, Stoke.

Round 9. 27 May, Belle Vue.

Round 10. 22 June, Coventry (this is the additional round to those printed on the Fixture List

Round 11. 28 July, Mildenhall.

World Of Shale Final. 7 September, Mildenhall.

BriSCA F2 at the NEC

BriSCA F2 would like to thank all that helped promote the sport at the 2013 Autosport Show at the NEC in Birmingham.

A full report of the Autosport Show appears in issue 161 of *unloaded 7.3* magazine.

During the show on the Sunday the Partnership draw took place with Lenssen Motorsport becoming the named sponsor of the 2013 National Points Championship and Stevenage Insurance Services becoming the 2013 Novice of the Year Championship.

2013 Significant Dates

To assist with planning for the 2013 season, here are a number of significant dates:

Date	Significance
15-Apr	End of first grading period
01-May	New grades come into effect
20-Jun	End of grading period which determines seeding into European Championship
23-Jul	Last round of World Championship qualifying series
24-Jul	World Semi Final grids announced on www.briscaf2.com
28-Jul	Last round of World of Shale qualifying series
20-Sep	Drivers must have raced by this date in order to be considered active for the last grading period.
20-Jul	End of grading period which determines average points for English Open Championship

News from Autospeed

ST DAY

The new season in Cornwall will begin on the opening weekend of the new season, on Sunday 3 March, when BriSCA F2s will top the bill at the United Downs Raceway, St Day. The top prize at St Day will be the Voice Of Autospeed Trophy, in memory of the late Bill Dalley, Autospeed's long-serving commentator.

NORTHAMPTON

The annual Autospeed Good Friday date is scheduled for 29 March at Northampton. Confirmation letters will be sent to all drivers who book in.

TAUNTON

On Sunday 17 March, Smeatharpe (the 2013 World Championship venue) will stage its first meeting of the new season, with the annual MDP Services sponsored fixture.

BOOKINGS

Bookings for St Day and Taunton can be made via the Autospeed website:
<http://www.autospeed.co.uk/driver-booking.ashx>

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

News from Buxton Raceway

Buxton again are pleased to be running BriSCA F2 Stock Cars in 2013 and again have an eventful calendar with 12 events fixtured with some excellent meetings and championship it looks like a busy year in the Derbyshire Hills.

Full Buxton Fixtures are:

Sunday 10th March – 12 Noon -

Monday 1st April – 1pm

Sunday 14th April – 1pm

Monday 6th May – 1pm

Sunday 2nd June – 1pm – F2 Nationals Championship

Saturday 15th June – 5pm – Saturday Night Sounds Great Music Series Round 1

Sunday 16th June – 1pm (this meeting does not feature F2's) F1 British Drivers Championship

Saturday 6th July – 5pm – Saturday Night Sounds Great Music Series Round 2

Sunday 7th July – 1pm – Unlimited Banger King of the Peak.

Saturday 10th August – 5pm – Saturday Night Sounds Great Music Series Final.

Sunday 11th August – 1pm (this meeting does not feature F2's) F1 World Championship Semi Final.

Sunday 25th August – 2.30pm

Monday 26th August – 1pm

Sunday 29th September – 1pm – Central League ShaleMac Series Semi Final.

Sunday 6th October – 12 Noon – F2 Season Finale – White and Yellow's Championship & Stuart Swales White Top Achievement Award.

Buxton are pleased to be running the F2 Nationals on Sunday 2nd June. This event has support from National MiniStox, Rebels with their British Championship and Buxton's local formula Hot Fords. Bookings for this event may have to be limited depending on numbers nearer the time wishing to take part. Get booked in early to secure your place on the list.

As you will see from the list above Buxton have three Saturday nights this year, this is due to making speed weekends. We have started a Saturday Night Sounds Great Music Series and have put some thought into this and to make it a terrific series we have decided to keep a separate list of points to the grading points with these being scored on a quadrupling basis. This will then give us a points chart for the Final on 10th August where the first race of the day will be the Saturday Night Sounds Great Music Series Final with cars lined up in points order. This race will be run as a heat but will carry meeting final prize money.

BriSCA F2 August Bank Holiday Speed Weekend, take place on Sunday 25th and Monday 26th August (please note start times for Sunday of 2.30pm.) This meeting has been put in place to save costs for drivers having only to travel once for the two days, Camping is free at the stadium and will be in the Car Park as per 2009 World Final. We will have the Bar open till late on Sunday, Please note this is also a speed weekend for the 1300 Saloon Stock Cars and the GT Hot

Rods who travel over from Skegness. (a disco may be arranged once numbers are known).

Sunday 29th September sees the Central League ShaleMac Series Semi Final. This series has been put together between Buxton, Incarace and Startrax to give the Midland based drivers something extra to race for. Points scored at Buxton, Birmingham, Hednesford, Northampton, Coventry and Stoke Will be collated to form grids for both semi-finals one at Buxton, one at Startrax and the Final will take place at Birmingham on Saturday 9th November at 6pm. The points scoring system will be the same as what used to happen with the Central League.

Buxton's Whites and Yellows Championship take place on Sunday 6th October with the earlier start time of 12 Noon. This meeting had a real push last year with prizes from Millers Oil, Yokohama, Rip and Roll, plus many more alongside sponsorship from C & S Coaches, E P Printers and Sound Great Music. This meeting has always been well supported at Buxton and we feel that this year will again be the same. Work has already started on getting this meeting sponsored to increase the prize fund back to the £1000 like it used to be. An update nearer the time will inform you what we have managed to get and how the prizes/prize money will be split.

We hope all drivers have an excellent season and we hope to see as much money of you as can make it to the Beautiful Derbyshire Hills.

Matthew Watson - Promoter

News from GMP Scotland

Since the end of last season, another huge amount of work has been undertaken during the winter recess. These have been well documented on the GMP website, and are also featured in issue 161 of *unloaded 7.3* magazine.

There is weekly race action each Saturday night throughout March, starting on 9 March – the opening meeting.

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

News From Mendips Raceway

Our opening meeting of 2013 on Sunday March 31st is, as always, our BriSCA F2 World Championship Qualifying Round. This year, hosting the World Championship Semi Finals gives the meeting an extra boost, as we hope drivers will be keen to get some early practice in for the August 4th event. Continuing an unbroken record, Dennis 'The Menace' Middler (641) is already booked, and it would be good news if all drivers could follow his example and get booked in early, as this is likely to be a very busy day. The beautiful Gerry Dommett Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the meeting Final, and there will be grade awards for best white, yellow and blue graded drivers. You can book in via the website www.mendipsraceway.com, or by calling the office on 01963 220028. We welcome all drivers who wish to take part, but it really helps if we know in advance how many are coming.

News from RDC

MILDENHALL AUGUST 10-DEDICATED TO 366 MICK KEMP

We are very pleased to confirm that the August 10 meeting at Mildenhall Stadium for BriSCA F2 Stockcars will be a special dedication event for long serving racer 366 Mick Kemp who retired from the sport at the last Mildenhall meeting of 2012.

Mick's involvement in the sport can be traced all the way back to its origins and he has been a regular supporter of the Mildenhall meetings for many years now and we felt it would be wrong for him to be able to bow out of active competition without an official goodbye and we are delighted that he has agreed for us to dedicate this summer time meeting to him.

By his own admission his later years in the sport were spent more for enjoyment rather than being the most competitive racer and Mick spent most of the last decade in the white grade with the odd climb to the yellow grade.

Therefore we fully intend to make this meeting as much about lower graded drivers as we can with numerous additional prizes up for grabs for the novice racers.

While plans are very much in their infancy our current intention is to open the meeting with a race purely for white grade drivers which will be in addition to the rest of the traditional meeting format and there will be an award for the best white grade driver in every race of the 'normal' meeting format as well as some additional prizes at the end of the meeting for drivers such as the 'hardest trier'.

Mick, who turned 67 in November, first started racing stockcars at the age of 15 (around 1960), forging his mother's signature on his license form so he could race at Northampton in the Juniors formula which would ultimately evolve into BriSCA F2 Stockcars. Mick confessed that he did come clean with his mother just before race day but admitted to only doing so just before the meeting so he would be 'shouted at for very long!'.

After some years in the Juniors he moved into Bangers, racing them for around 12 years before retiring and managing to stay away from the sport only to be sucked in by a phone call from long-time friend Dave Graham.

Mick explained: "Dave was racing at Mildenhall and needed some to help mechanic for him and asked if I would help. I think the meeting was the British Championship (we think it was the 2000 staging of the event) and he qualified for the race and I drove him out for the parade lap. Being back in a car and just driving out on a parade lap was enough and the drug was back in my system and I went straight out and got a car for racing!"

RDC's records go back as far as 2002 and quite incredibly of the 78 BriSCA F2 Stockcar meetings held at Mildenhall between 2002 and 2012, Mick raced at no less than 75 of them. As already mentioned Mick certainly fell into the bracket of drivers doing it for fun rather than success and this is underlined by the fact that of those 75 meetings he failed to score at 42 of them and his failure to score during the 2012 season resulted in him being presented with a Carry on Regardless Award at the Mildenhall Presentation Night in February, an award Mick was clearly pleased to receive in recognition of his efforts.

His most successful season came in 2004 when he scored 35 points over the course of the year and finished in the top 30 in the track championship.

Michael Coventry of RDC Promotions added: "Mick has been a tremendous character of the formula for so many years, especially at Mildenhall and is a perfect example of the kind of drivers who make up the backbone of not just only BriSCA F2 Stockcars but short oval motor racing as a whole and we hope this dedication meeting will act as a fitting way to thank him for all his efforts over the years."

Again it is intended to try and encourage as many lower graded racers to take part in this meeting as possible with the additional of several awards for these drivers including the bonus white grade only race but we hope drivers of all grades will be able to support this meeting especially the many Mildenhall and shale racing regulars who have raced alongside him for so many years.

The subject of sponsorship has been raised and RDC Promotions would be more than willing to accept any offers of any kind of additional sponsorship for this meeting. If anyone would like to contribute please contact us on 01268 412299 (ideally between 9am and 12noon Monday to Friday), e mail wastedmc@btopenworld.com or speak to Michael Coventry direct at race meetings.

MILDENHALL SEASON OPENER APRIL 6

We are now counting down the weeks and the days to the return of BriSCA F2 Stockcars to Mildenhall Stadium for the start of their 2013 track championship on Saturday, April 6.

There are a couple of small points we would like to make drivers aware of. The first is that once again there is no need for drivers to book in prior to the meeting, everyone will be welcome on the night and the final details of the format and the heat splits will be determined on the night. However drivers are more than welcome to book in if they wish and can do so by phoning 01268 412299 (ideally between 9am and 12noon Monday to Friday), e mail wastedmc@btopenworld.com

Secondly we would just like to stress that

at this meeting, as will be the case at most BriSCA F2 Stockcar meetings at Mildenhall in 2013, F2s will be on first with the meeting starting at 6.30pm so we would encourage drivers to try and arrive in good time if possible please.

ONE WILD WEEKEND: MILDENHALL JULY 27 AND 28

Once again BriSCA F2 Stockcars will play a starring role at our annual One Wild Weekend event at Mildenhall on July 27 and 28.

While the World of Shale qualifier on the Sunday afternoon programme will remain open to all drivers with no restriction on numbers unfortunately the Saturday evening programme will again have to have a limited number of places available.

Our intention is to schedule two heats, consolation and a Grand Final. As is usually the case at this meeting there will be no Grand National scheduled but should there be sufficient time we will add one as we were able to last year.

Therefore numbers will be restricted to 56 places. As in recent years these places will be offered to drivers as soon as they have raced at Mildenhall twice in 2013 although special consideration will again be made to overseas drivers and long distance visitors who have supported Mildenhall and this weekend in the past.

Depending on numbers in the other formulas and BriSCA F2 Stockcar numbers at Mildenhall meetings leading up the weekend we may consider accepting more than 56 bookings on Saturday, July 27 but this decision will not be made until closer to the meeting but at least 56 places will be available for this meeting and again the Sunday programme will be open to all drivers.

WORLD OF SHALE CHAMPIONSHIP: SEPTEMBER 7

Another meeting which regrettably is likely to have limited bookings available is the World of Shale Championship which returns to Mildenhall on September 7 and will be run for the first time under its new format where the meeting programme will be very similar to that of a World Championship meeting.

With the introduction of a last chance qualifier we can ideally only have one support heat at the meeting which will be for drivers who have not qualified for the championship itself or the last chance heat.

However we are keen to ensure that drivers who have supported the World of Shale series are offered a place at the championship meeting and likewise wish to include as many of those who have supported Mildenhall throughout 2013.

We are hopeful that the introduction of attendance points at World of Shale qualifying rounds in 2013 will mean the majority of those who support the majority of the rounds will find themselves in the top 60 overall and therefore eligible for either the championship race or the last chance race but we would certainly offer any driver who races at the majority of the 11 rounds but fails to make the top 60 a place in the support heat on September 7.

Remaining places will then be offered to a mixture of Mildenhall regulars as well as trying to include any overseas racers who may wish to attend but have not qualified for the championship. It is intended that these places will be determined through a combination of track championship standings and attendance records in 2013.

With the World of Shale series concluding on July 28, over a month ahead of the Championship, we will be able to establish if there are any drivers who should be offered a support booking through their support of the qualifying rounds and will then look to confirm the drivers who are offered support race bookings as soon as possible after that.

WHITE AND YELLOW GRADE SERIES

This year's white and yellow grade series final at Mildenhall takes place on Saturday, September 28 and qualifying for this meeting will start at the Mildenhall season opener on April 6.

It has been decided that due to the new format of the World of Shale Championship which takes place on September 7 that this meeting will not count towards the White and Yellow Grade Series and so this season it will be every meeting at Mildenhall up to and including August 10 that will count

in determining the top 28 drivers and the starting grid for the series final.

As with previous years, when a driver races at Mildenhall as a white or yellow graded driver they will be eligible for points and will score five attendance points plus any race points they score on the night. The top 28, regardless of their grade on September 28, will be seeded into the championship.

News from Skegness

The season at Skegness Stadium starts on the first Sunday in March, the 3rd, at 1pm (note the early start time). Sunday 17th also sees the start time at 1pm. Booking for both these meeting can be made on 0844 559 1228 or bookings@skegness-stadium.info For the latest Skegness Stadium info please visit our website www.skegness-stadium.info

Easter sees the stadium kick into full swing with meetings on Good Friday 6.30pm and Easter Monday 2pm, plus Thursday 4th at 7.30pm. With a meeting also on at NIR on Good Friday we have planned the format with the F2s 'later' in the programme to allow drivers to do both meeting if they so wish.

News from Trackstar

The F2 season kicks off in style at the Norfolk Arena on Saturday 2 March (6pm). As is normally the case this meeting also doubles up as the first World Qualifier of the year. If you are looking at racing at this meeting you must book in to race on 01553 771111 / 07939 580652 or through the web site or E Mail. Drivers who book in to race by 24 February will be guaranteed a booking.

The list of drivers booked to race will appear on the Trackstar Web Site from Tuesday 26 February and you are advised to check this as if you are not listed you are not booked in! If you turn up to race not booked in then you will probably not be allowed to race and if there is space for you to race you will not receive any complimentary admissions.

F2 Stock Cars are also in action at King's Lynn on 23 March which is the last chance to have a go around the Norfolk Arena shaleway before the British Championship takes place at Lynn on 25 May. Bookings for this meeting are also now being taken.

We hope you have a successful season and look forward to seeing you in action at the Norfolk Arena.

March Fixtures

Sat 2	Kings Lynn WCQR & WOSQR (6.00pm), Birmingham (6.30pm)
Sun 3	Skegness (1.00pm), St Day (1.00pm)
Sat 9	Cowdenbeath (6.00pm), Birmingham (6.30pm)
Sun 10	Buxton (12.00pm), Northampton (1.30pm)
Sat 16	Cowdenbeath (6.00pm), Birmingham (6.45pm)
Sun 17	Skegness (1.00pm), Taunton (1.00pm), Belle Vue (4.00pm)
Sat 23	Cowdenbeath (6.00pm), Birmingham (6.30pm), Kings Lynn WOSQR (6.30pm)
Sun 24	Sheffield WCQR (1.30pm)
Fri 29	Northampton (1.00pm), Skegness (6.30pm)
Sat 30	Cowdenbeath (6.00pm), Stoke WOSQR (6.00pm)
Sun 31	Barford (1.00pm), Bristol WCQR (1.00pm)