

Season 2016

Drivers Newsletter Issue#2

Hello and welcome, a very busy period of racing since the end of February and The Demons of Destruction meeting. Stoke Belle Vue and Coventry have started the season with an increase in turnouts across all formulas and with that we have seen a great deal of good racing, the domestic scene growing considerably at the beginning of 2016. The first championship of the season takes place at Stoke on Sunday May 22nd when the Hot Rods contest the National Championship, the meeting at Sheffield transferred to this new date.

The track work at Stoke is complete for now, Adam Richards and his team have done a fantastic job so a big Thank you to them all. The new work at Belle Vue has begun with drains, sinkholes, and a revamp of the infield similar to the work at Stoke being done as we continue to invest in the facilities.

This month we start with the feature on Kayleigh Walsh and our apologies for not getting this piece in previous editions.

5 Minutes with...

205 Kayleigh Walsh

Age: 18

Home Town: Stoke-on-Trent

Occupation: Office Administrator

Number of years racing: 4

Formulas Raced: Junior Rods, Junior Bangers, Lady Bangers.

SB: You made a late start to 2015 then won three finals in a row. Did you decide then to go for the points?

KW: I didn't really decide to go for the points it just happened. I wanted to get back to racing on shale so the points were not in my thoughts to begin with.

SB: You certainly made a good return. How did the season go? What did it mean to win Gold and Silver ?

KW: The season was really exciting for sure! It was a lot of hard work for the whole team throughout the year, especially my Dad! The work he puts in all year and the people who help out have been the main reason for my success as well as the luck you need to win any Championship. I didn't set out to win anything as having not raced on shale for over 12 month's, I just went out to enjoy myself. It feels like a big achievement really, something that I'm proud of. It shows that all the hard work is worth it!

SB: What was the highlight of 2015 and your hopes for 2016?

KW: The highlight was winning Gold and Silver roof in one season. Still can't believe I won them both after making a late start to 2015. In 2016 i want to race to enjoy it and if I win the titles again that will be a bonus, as long as my Dad and Pit Crew are proud of me then I'm happy.

SB: Thanks for your time. Anyone you would like to thank?

KW: Everyone that's helped in 2015, without them I would never have been on track or won anything. My Dad for his time effort and money he has put into my racing over the last 4 years, my Mum for the support and all the cups of tea when were racing. Team Sausage and Team Hamdog, they know who they are!

National Bangers

The Demons of Destruction for Micro Bangers at Stoke on February 28th raised 90 cars, the three heats being won by 333 Mackenzie Almond, 761 Nathan Rees and 25 Joe Parsons. A very destructive Final saw 25 Parsons winning the Chris Keeling Memorial Trophy with 10 Gary Mirza 2nd and 268 Brad French 3rd. The two All-Comers went to 10 Mirza and 38 Craig Allen, 797 George Plant winning the DD.

Belle Vue staged the annual King of the North and Round One of the National Series on march 6th for 2Ltr Bangers. 181 Grant Doe took the King of the North main race with 82 Big T collecting the Entertainer Award. The two All-Comers went to 382 Chubby with 691 Snapper and 275 Rusty the Entertainers. 999 Scott Hill winning hit of the Day and 169 Wolfie the best wreck. The points after Round One lead by 526 Fatkidd.

Coventry began with Micro Bangers and Transitmania! 14 vans including a camper and Ambulance provided great entertainment the Heat wins going to 409 Carlos Pears and 999 Scott Hill, the Final having only two finishers 290 The Hitman from 606 Liam Weedon. 53 Micro Bangers for all-in races were very lively Heat wins for 25 Joe Parsons and 921 Jack Aldridge. 25 Parsons took his second Final win ahead of 82 Big T and 299 Tom Callaghan.

Stoke on April 16th saw a low turnout of Unlimiteds Heat wins went to 110 Derek Tyler and 13 Malc Gilbert, the Final won by 269 Popeye from 13 Gilbert.

Coventry again on April 23rd for Round Two of the National Series with 2Ltr Bangers, Heat One win for 331 BoxerJack with 720 Kenny Gabriel the Entertainer Heat Two went to 107 Michael Seex 466

Dalton Steele doing the Entertaining. A hard fast race in the Final was won by 599 Matt Butcher from 370 John Cobbold and 366 Nathan Wren, the Entertainer being 82 BigT.

The 5th Annual Stan Woods Celebration for pre1975 cars at Stoke saw just short of 150 classics. Star car this year for 307 Leo Zwann and his 1934 Studebaker Commander, other stand out cars in the Overs being the Ford T-Bird of 347 Red Nelson, 501 Basher with his third DS420 Launderelle, and the Merc W123 Limo of 617 Danny Everett. Two half car Heats were won by 363 Trummer and 349 Finbarr. The All-Comers was won by 05 Carlos Perez. The Final saw a great race between 169 James Rushton's Rover P5 and 439 Danny Sutton's Westy with 307 Linke Loe throwing his Studebaker round for third place behind Sutton and Rushton. The DD also saw Linke Loe involved taking on 05 Carlos and 205 FiveEyes, 205 taking the win and the Jack "Jaffa" Holt Trophy.

The Unders had 110 cars spread over 4 Heats, wins for 188 Victor 810 Jack Foster Snr 141 Dan Steele and 390 Gibbo. The first All-Comers also went to Victor with the second All-Comers ending in a mass pile up on the pit bend, 73 Crucko the only finisher. The Final saw 801 Jack win from 353 Dan Buckley and 514 Paul Woods. 269 Mozzer finished off 378 Lenny for the DD win and Jack "Jaffa" Holt Trophy.

Coming up over the next few weeks, Stoke on Sunday May 22nd the 2Ltr Battle of Britain an individual event. Sheffield hosts Micro Bangers Round 3 of the National Series on Sunday June 12th and the All Granada meeting for Mk1,2&3 cars any body shape and Duaretec and Zetec engine transplants allowed at Coventry on Saturday June 18th.

1600cc Bangers

The points race is going to see last year's top three fight it out again, 260 Tim Crew leading from 123 Paul Manning and 160 Simon Crew. 290 Hitman sits 4th and Craig Riches 5th with the Stokey Boyz of 230 MadDan 17 Young Frog and 31 Danni Boi all in the top ten.

February 28th at Stoke for WQ1 had just under 30 cars Heat wins for 22 Elliot Dowds and 230 MadDan, the Final won by 260 Tim Crew from brother 160 Simon and 230 MadDan. Stoke again with just under 30 for WQ2 on April 16th had Heat wins for 834 Georgey Boy and 284 Craig Riches the Final again won by 260 Tim from 160 Simon and 284 Craig in 3rd. Coventry on April 23rd and WQ3 with just over 30 cars, Heat wins for 60 James French and 340 Matt Brewster, the Final went to 123 Mangler from 267 Tramp and 60 Frenchy. Belle Vue on Mayday Bank Holiday had Heat wins for 123 Mangler and 260 Tim Crew before 290 Hitman won the Final from the Heat winners, Tim Crew 2nd Mangler in 3rd.

Coventry on May 28th for WQ5 and the Brandonapolis 500, a 50 car limit with £500 in prize money. Then Belle Vue for another Bank Holiday Monday on May 30th followed by Stoke on June 4th for WQ6. The British Championship is on Saturday June 18th at Coventry with invites sent to several UK promotions and the top 25 available Startrax drivers. Looking forward to July and a change of fixture, with Wales not having a venue this year, we are now going with Head2Head Kings for teams of 10 at Stoke on July 30th. Already four teams have accepted the challenge, with two more places up for grabs get your team entered. The Stokey Boyz will face Team Minted with the Defending Champions Weekend Wreckers taking on Team Wales. The three Head2Head winners will take each other on in the A Final, the three runners-up going in the B Final, followed by an All-Comers and DD.

Hot Rods

A rather stop start beginning to 2016 for the Hot Rods due to fixture changes and excessive demand for bookings across all formulas, it does seem the Hot Rods have taken the brunt of this so far, and we apologise to our drivers and we will make this up with extra dates at Stoke TBC and one fixture at Coventry on May 28th for WQ4. It has been pleasing to see new drivers doing well so far 102 Ayrton Mitchell 270 Kieran Collis and 99danny Davies all featuring n the point's. The National Championship at Stoke on May 22nd has 184 Smithy on pole from 85 Ben White with Defending Champion 2 Lee Rudge back on row 3 we could well have the first new Champion of 2016.

March 6th at Belle Vue for G&M Banger Bits WQ2 saw 10 cars race over 2 Heats, wins for 88 Stephen Butler and 184 Martin Smith. The Final saw 85 Ben White win from 184 and 270 Kieran Collis. Stoke for WQ3 on April 16th had over 20 cars in attendance, the Mitchell's fielding three generations when 100 Andy 101 Phil and 102 Ayrton racing together for the first time. Mart Jones 56 taking both Heats with 184 Martin Smith bagging the Final from 83 Jason Ibbs and 73 Paul Wright. 184 Smithy setting the pace in the chase for Gold and Silver leading both point's charts, Mr Consistent 85 Ben White sits in 2nd while a resurgent 73 Wrighty holds 3rd place. The G&M Banger Bits sponsored World Final is at Stoke on August 28th.

The next fixtures for Hot Rods are Sheffield on Sunday June 12th then the British Championship at Belle Vue on Sunday July 3rd with Stoke staging the last G&M Banger Bits World Qualifier on Saturday July 30th.

Junior Bangers

Car numbers have been up so far this year but the one to beat remains 90 Joey Holmes Jnr who has started the season where he finished last, leading the points in the chase for the Silver Roof again. 132 Connor Dando finished his time in Juniors at Coventry in April and look set to join the 1600cc Banger ranks.

We are pleased to welcome Glynn's Auto Repairs as sponsor's of this year's top three trophies for the Junior Banger World Final and the Startrax Point's Championship, another thank you to Georgina Star-Rae Cornes for setting up the Junior Banger Driver's Facebook page for us.

Stoke on February 2th saw 90 Spud win Heat 1 with visitor 246 Jake Wilson taking the flag in Heat 2. The Final won by 132 Connor Dando from 90 Spud and 14 Jo Persico. April 16th at Stoke had Heat wins for 104 Ellis Hopkins and 450 Blake Platts, the Final going to 14 Jo Persico from 14 Bird and 204 Travis Dring. Coventry raised 23 cars for some lively racing. Heat wins for 90 Spud and ex Ministox racer 144 Matt Venables, the quick Final saw 619 Brad Tomlinson take the win from 450 Blake Platts and 90 Spud.

The high turnout at Coventry with an extra date on Saturday May 30th then Stoke host's WQ5&6 on Saturday June 4th and Saturday July 30th.

Lady Bangers

Another formula enjoying a good start to the year car numbers always in double figures and some great racing. New names at the top end of the point's 203 Britney Walsh leading the way from sister 205 Kayleigh and 232 Sammie Dugmore with 282 Kirstayy and 381 Danielle Challender making up the top 5 to date. Other new drivers doing well are 851 Dina Pegde and 859 Danielle Teal with 110 Mary Tyler also making a good start to her second season of racing.

The Lads N Lasses Challenge on February 28th had the Ladies racing against the men (Micro Bangers) the winning pair being 627 Bekah and 617 Danny Everett. Both Heats were won by 203 Britney with 205 Kayleigh taking the Final from 282 Kirstayy and 100 Emma Mullins. April 16th had Heat wins for 81 Gemma Lord and 203 Britney. Gemma made it a double and an upgrade to Yellow Roof beating 232 Sammie and 381 Danielle in the Final.

Stoke has two more fixtures on Sunday May 22nd and Saturday June 4th. Due to popular demand a date has been added for Coventry on Saturday August 20th, replacing Stoke the week before and an extra date at Belle Vue on Sunday September 18th.

That's all for this time we hope the regular updates to all Points Championship's and World Qualifiers on the new website is meeting with your approval. Thank you to everyone who has raced so far and made it a great start to 2016 long may your support continue.

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