

Drivers Newsletter Issue#1

Hello to all our drivers and welcome to the first newsletter of 2016.

A great start on February 14th with Unlimited Bangers, 1600cc Team Championship, Lady & Junior Bangers and Hot Rods. Next up is an all Banger day on Feb28th with The Demons of Destruction and the Chris Keeling Memorial Trophy for Micro Bangers, 1600cc Bangers WQ1, Junior Bangers WQ2, and Lady Bangers including the Lads N Lasses Challenge. Then we move to Belle Vue for 2ltr Bangers King of the North and the National Series Qualifying Round 1 and Hot Rods G&M Banger Bits WQ2. An extra date at Stoke on March 19th for 2ltr Bangers 1600cc Bangers Junior & Lady Bangers plus Hot Rods. Into April and the Unlimited Banger Battle of Britain at Stoke.

National Bangers

27 Unlimited Bangers for the first meeting of 2016 with Heat wins going to 925 Aaron Preece and 700 Lee Parsons with 382 Jack Foster taking the meeting Final and an early lead in the points championship. The early points chart is under the points page on this website and will be updated after each meeting this year.

February 28th is fully booked with 120 Micro Bangers set to do battle with special thanks to Gary Shaw and the Demons for helping with the bookings. Steve has put up £1000 in prize money so it should be another top day of action at Stoke.

The National Series begins at Belle Vue on March 6th with 5 Qualifying Rounds through the season and some very good prize money on offer for the entertainers and the winners leading up to the Unlimited Showdown Finale at Coventry on October 22nd with another £2500 on the night, full details are on the news page.

March 19th at Stoke will see 2ltr Bangers for the Wildcard Frenzy, two places at the Hednesford 2ltr World Final are up for grabs place 1 to the top point scoring driver and 1 place for the meeting entertainer.

Then we have the Unlimited Battle of Britain at Stoke on Saturday 16th April bookings for this event will open at the beginning of March for Teams of Four.

Plans for England v Scotland on May 28th at Cowdenbeath and August 28th at Stoke are well under way, already 16 of the 20 places have been taken if you want to do this get in touch details at the end of this newsletter.

1600cc Bangers

The Team Championship at Stoke saw Team Minted take the win while the Heats went to 195 Elvis Hopkins, 02 Ash Reynolds, 198 Dave Hughes and the Final won by 68 Iain Bishop. Next up is the 1st WQ at Stoke on February 28th for the first 35 to book-in due to limited pit space. The extra date at Stoke on Saturday March 19th will see the top point scoring driver secure one of the two places for

the Spedeworth World Final at Ipswich later in the season. WQ2 is at Belle Vue on Easter Monday March 28th and WQ3 at Stoke on April 16th. There are 8 WQ this year with the top 25 Startrax drivers guaranteeing their place at the World Final at Stoke on October 29th.

Hot Rods

G&M Banger Bits WQ1 at Stoke on February 14th attracted 26 cars and saw the two thirds Heats format used for the first time. Heat wins went to 40 Neil Hayes, 43 Stuart "Bert" Bromley and 884 Dave Latham while newcomer 102 Ayrton Mitchell another recruit from the Junior Bangers won the meeting Final from 184 Martin Smith and 39 Darren Bailey. The points charts are on the website with the WQ points also available, remember Day Licence drivers CAN NOT score WQ Points. G&M Banger Bits WQ2 is at Belle Vue on March 6th with Stoke on March 19th for the PRG Motosport Shootout and hopefully hosting the Hot Rod Ladies race to help raise funds for Fords Care contact 43 Bert for your Lady to be in this race, March 19th will also be the first re-grading period ready for the April meeting. Stoke on April 16th has WQ3. Our thanks again to G&M Banger Bits for their sponsorship of this years World Series the WQR Final winners receiving One Kingpin tyre each and for the World Final the winner will get 2 tyres with 2nd and 3rd each receiving 1 tyre. There are 6 QR with the top 20 making the grid at Stoke on Sunday August 28th.

Junior Bangers

The first meeting of the year and the first WQ saw 132 Connor Dando and 16 Jamie Hopkins win the Heats while reigning Points Champion 90 Joey Holmes Jnr took the first Final win of 2016. WQ2 is again at Stoke on February 28th then WQ3 on April 16th the top 8 Startrax drivers will secure their place on the grid at Stoke in September where they will be joined by the best from promotions across the UK.

Lady Bangers

Some fine work behind the scenes by Jon-Ross Hutchinson and Kelsey Smith have seen an upturn in numbers for Lady Bangers, a big thank you to them both! The opener at Stoke on February 14th saw 232 Sammie Dugmore win the opening Heat while 203 Britney Walsh took Heat 2 and the Final. Britney now goes up to Yellow Grade for the next meeting. Numbers for February 28th are at a very healthy 23 so far with 14 of those Ladies also taking part in the Lads N Lasses Challenge.

The new Grading system had some teething problems on the opening day which you will glad to hear have now been resolved, the first re-grading period will be March 19th ready for the April meeting. The Fords Care Team are getting some great support from the Ladies with Jon-Ross and Kelsey raffling a car to be raced by one lucky winner at Stoke on October 15th and plans are well under way for an Unlimited meeting on October 29th both at Stoke.

Fixture news has a change of date and venue with Stoke on August 13th now moved to Coventry on August 20th and a date has been agreed at Belle Vue on Sunday September 18th both due to popular demand.

Thats all for this time!

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