

Chairman's viewpoint 02.11.

Welcome along to our second meeting of the 2011 season, lets hope the weather is as kind to us as it was a fortnight ago.

All formula's today will be competing for the Track shop trophies over the afternoon's races. These go the highest points scorers over the day in each formulae.

I have a bit of news regarding one of our Banger drivers, Colin Riddell, who was one of a few Crimond drivers competing down at Cowdenbeath the night before our first meeting, in the BBA Banger World Cup.

This meeting is the first major title event of the year and drivers from all the major tracks were in attendance. The main race itself went from flag to flag, which is most unusual due to the amount of top cars that were in it, but after all the dust had settled, only four cars finished out of 36 starters and Colin was second across the line.

Crimond drivers have competed in this race for quite a few years, with last years fourth place by Brian Youngson being the highest achieved till the 2011 event. Maybe next season we will have a winner ?? Well done anyway to all the Crimond drivers who competed over the night.

Our first meeting of the season went very well, only one or two problems during the afternoon. You might have spotted a new start marshal at the start of the meeting, our commentator Graham Alexander stepped in for a while due to our regular starter, Colin Gammack, being laid low with a virus. Hopefully all should be back to normal today.

Some of you might have spotted Gordon Mcdougal going about the track last meeting, Gordon was up to carry out our track inspection for the ORCI & our Insurance company. All went well I believe, with only one or two items requiring sorting out. He stayed and watched the racing for a while as it was such a lovely day, he cant remember it being that warm at Crimond ever he said !!

Today we have the return of the Stoxkarts. This will be the first of Five meetings during the 2011 season, with the Open Scottish meeting in August

promising between 25 / 30 Karts with the English invasion, so a season not to miss.

Also today we have the first Crimond round of the new Northern saloon championship. All points scored today will also go into the NSC table and the final today has some extra sponsorship from Gavin Robertson of Robertson dairies. This will see a grade award of £25 going to the first driver of each grade across the line in the final, (Last Men's Saloon race of the afternoon), regardless of where they finish.

As this Easter weekend is quite busy for all the national formulae's around the country, I am not sure how many visiting national Saloons we will have today, but plenty of action will be guaranteed anyway.

Plans are finally underway for the installation of the new Ladies toilet block, at least for now the hot water has been restored to our existing toilets.

During the winter shut down, all the water is drained to prevent any frost damage, but on re-filling an air lock had got stuck in the system, at least we will know next time.

The new commentary / control box should be making an appearance shortly as well and the committee have decided to leave the location as it is, so the Madman will still be safe from any upset drivers in the near future !

I would like to correct the Madman from his report in the first programme, I was not skiving down at Lochgelly when I should have been at the track fixing the new Armco. On my way down on the Saturday to pick up Liz from Edinburgh, our car decided to expire just past Kelty on the Motorway. The Turbocharger completely failed big time, causing a cloud of blue smoke you could nearly see from Aberdeen !

I managed to get recovered from the Motorway by Eric Bethune who could also take me home, but I had to wait till after the meeting at Lochgelly on the Sunday as his son Michael, # 83, was racing his Stock rod there. So as they say, when in Rome etc, so I got to watch the stock cars.

Our next meeting on the 8th of May has trophies for the Hot saloons & Bangers, with the F2's having their first White and Yellow's only race as well. Unfortunately this meeting is going to clash with the British Saloonstox championship weekend at Cowdenbeath.

We normally set our date not to clash with them, but after all the dates were announced, GMP had to change the planned weekend from later in May and

move it to the 7 / 8th instead. As all the Crimond dates had been announced the committee decided to go ahead anyway, so we will see what happens.

Well that's about it for today, enjoy your racing and see you all next time.

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