

Chairman's viewpoint 4.11.

Two words can be used to sum up the last meeting, "Fair Drookit", a good solid three hours it rained non-stop and then cleared up and when we finished and typically, it was a beautiful night!

At least the track got its first good wash of the season; we need a wet meeting now and then to clear away the film of oil that can develop on the surface. All formulae's coped with the wet conditions, with the Hot rods floating around during their first race, but let's hope that is our worst weather conditions for the 2011 season.

Due to the unfortunate fixture clash with Cowdenbeath at our last meeting, spectator & driver numbers were down a bit, with the weather no doubt also contributing to the low numbers. This also saw no visiting National ORCI Ministox drivers, due to GMP having their first round of the Disco series on the Sunday afternoon. Our own National ORCI Ministox drivers certainly put on a fine show of wet weather driving with Ross Smith, #058, showing them all how to do it with three race wins. He was pursued by our top girl drivers, Rossa Becci, #089, & Shelly Taylor, #079, during the afternoon and Sean Riddell, #029, with these four sharing the top three places over the day.

With Lochgelly also running National ORCI Ministox, some of our top drivers have been attending race meetings there as it is not such a daunting place to compete at as the "Racewall". Check the Lochgelly web site for their meetings and make the trip down and support our Junior drivers.

With the fixture clash, we were also down on track officials and our usual Commentators. Some of our newly trained Marshals were thrown in at the deep end, but coped well. It is not the best standing out on the infield when it is chucking it down as there is nowhere to hide from the conditions, but well done to everyone. One official who was not out in the conditions was our stand in commentator and Stoxkarts driver, Scott Keith. Scott had been commentating the night before at Cowdenbeath during the National Saloonstox British championship heats. Our thanks go to Scott for standing in for the Madman and Graham. We had a surprise visit from the current Brisca National points champion, Gordon Moodie, #7, last meeting and after his three race wins at Cowdenbeath, I expected him to carry on where he left off the night before. It was not to be though, as Gordon was way off the pace in all but the G/N race where he managed a third place behind race winner Robbie Dawson, #854 and second place Stuart Kelly, #339. The man of the meeting though and revelling in the conditions was Roy Anderson, #36, who lived up to his nickname, "Rapid Roy", with three race wins. If he had won the final it would have been an instant upgrade to a blue roof, but I think with the points scored on the 8th, it will probably see Roy upgraded to a blue roof for June anyway.

We will have two long distance travellers booked in the F2's for today's meeting, Paul Butcher #189, and Nathan Maidment #935. They have over a 700 mile trip to Crimond and then have the same journey home! Both have been here before but please give them the usual warm Crimond welcome.

The Crimond Saloonstox were a bit quieter last meeting after their last action packed meeting with the wet conditions slowing things down a bit. Graham Smith, #59, almost managed to do the same as son Ross did in the Ministox, with two race wins and a second place. It must be staying in the wilds of Longhaven that gives them the wet weather skills!!!

Today's meeting is the annual running of the "Norman Cowie" trophy meeting. This meeting is always held on the Clubs fourth meeting of the season and the Cowie family present the top three highest points scorers of the day in each formula with keep sake trophies. This meeting is open to all drivers, but to be eligible to collect any of the winning trophies, a

driver must have competed at the first three race meetings of 2011 season; this is at the request of the Cowie family.

In the last programme I mentioned about the new motor show type event, "TheTurrif Motorfest" that the club was intending to have a display. This went ahead last Sunday and apart from the rain doing its best to spoil things, it was a very successful event. Our thanks go to Gavin Laing, Kim McDonald, John Buchan, Sean & John Riddell and Lee Anderson and team for supplying the cars for the display. If Only half the people that we spoke to who said, that they used to go to Crimond many years ago and thought Crimond was no longer going decide to come along, we will need more grandstands to cope!! There was one couple who thought it was what they were looking for to do on a Sunday afternoon and asked where it was held. When asked where they stayed so we could give them directions, Crimond village was the answer they said. They have stayed there for over two years and did not know we existed!

Next Sunday is the third round of the "Northern Saloonstox Championship" at Lochgelly and the first of four planned visits of our Hot Saloons. A race meeting not to miss, so if you are free next Sunday the 29th of May a trip down to Lochgelly should be pencilled in. Start time is 1pm, with practice from about 10.30am onwards.

There will be an extra sign in sheet today for both formulae's at the track office for all drivers to put their names down, who are intending to travel down. This list will be posted on our forum at the start of the week. The first round at Lochgelly saw ten of our Saloonstox attend and I believe that more will be going next week, so action will be guaranteed over the afternoon.

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

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