

Chairman's Viewpoint 03.11.

Welcome along to another action packed race meeting here at Crimond raceway. Last meeting certainly lived up to what we were expecting from the Saloonstox anyway.

Not as many visitor Saloon's as we hoped, but with a lot of meetings down south for the National saloons over the Easter weekend, the four that did arrive helped the action along during the afternoon. Mark Bonner, #39, was trying to start flying lessons at Crimond with his spectacular high flying session at track shop corner. The car went very high after coming back of the tyre wall, with the car a good 10 feet off the ground at one point. Although Mark was a bit sore after his flying session and coming down with a bump, he will recover and probably be back out again today.

Although mark's accident looked very spectacular, with these types of accidents you normally find the driver is more shook up than hurt as the car has taken up all the impact with the spectacular flip up into the air. Our tyre wall is also a good absorber of impact as it will give quite a bit. I shudder to think what injury's Mark would have sustained if the same incident had happened at Racewall.

After all the drama in the Saloonstox, the visiting drivers took away the trophy's in the final and will be leading the points chart in the new Northern Saloonstox championship. The next round is at Lochgelly on the 29th of May, with Crimond's next round on the 5th of June, meetings not to miss !!!!

The Hot saloon's car numbers were at their highest for quite a while, with some good racing during the afternoon. The change of car has certainly helped Andy Gray, #90, as he recorded a clean sweep with three wins. An instant re-grade to red roof will see Andy have a lot more to do today if he wants to win the Lachie Robertson trophy for the highest point's scorer of the day in the Hot saloon's.

The Stoxkarts were here last meeting for their first visit of the 2011 season, this was the only meeting that they were put in as an extra formulae and will be replacing the Brisca F2's at the next two single day race meetings when they are on. Some comments on the Crimond raceway forum about the time the last meeting took to run were unfairly pointed at the Stoxkarts I believe, as we were not that much quicker on the first day of the season. It just depends on any stoppages and I don't think there was a Saloon race that was not suspended at least twice!

We did start the meeting a bit late last time as well, due to one or two things that had to be done, but we should be on the ball today. Drivers are reminded to be at the pit gate when it is their time to race, a few times last week the pit gate was open with no cars ready to come on track, don't come shouting if you arrive and find the gate closed, you have been warned.

Today we have the Nicky Grieve's trophies in the 1400 bangers. This is only the second running of this event, but if last year is anything to go on, we should have plenty of action in the Bangers today.

The Brisca F2's today, have their first White & Yellow heat of the season which is only open to a driver who started the season as either a White or Yellow grade. There are more heats planned throughout the season with drivers competing in a final at the end of the season and the top three receiving some new Yokahama tyres for their efforts.

Our next race meeting on the 22nd of May will see all formulae's competing for the Norman Cowie trophies. The meeting is open to all drivers, but only drivers who have competed at the previous first three race meetings of the 2011 season will be eligible to collect any of the winning trophies. This a long standing requirement asked for by the Cowie family.

If you are at a loose end next Sunday the 15th of May, there is an event at Turrif called the "Motorfest". The club will be attending this event with a few cars on display. All types of cars are on display from new road cars to motorsport cars to motor bikes, anything with wheels apparently. It is being held at the Turrif show ground from 10.00am till 5.00pm.

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

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