

Chairman's viewpoint 05.05.11.

Hello and welcome to what I hope will be a dry meeting for a change. Last time out was not as bad as the first meeting in May, but still a bit wet.

The Norman Cowie trophies were what all the formulae's were competing for at the last meeting and as usual all drivers put in a little bit extra to try and be a trophy winner. The three previous race meeting attendance requirement caught out a few winners on the day. This was why there was some delay in awarding the winning trophies after the finals as we had to double check who had and who had not met the attendance requirement. As an example, of the 29 Banger drivers on track, only 8 were eligible to be a trophy winner !

Our thanks go to the Cowie family for their continued involvement with the club and to Marlene Cowie for presenting the trophies. There was a slight problem with some of the winning trophies, while they were all on display on the centre of the track a gust of wind blew over the larger first place trophies on top of the rest of the trophies, breaking some of the emblems off. These emblems will be replaced so if you were the receiver of one of these, please contact the track office.

As is normal for the Norman Cowie meeting, the club will donate the profit from this meeting to a local charity or organisation nominated by the Cowie family. This year they have selected the local Crimond Toddlers group.

I have an apology to make to local F2 driver, Kevin Bruce, # 71; I forgot to thank him in my last report for taking his car to the Turrif Motorfest to put in our display. I remembered everybody else, but forgot Kevin, I must be getting old!!

Today we have our annual Brisca F2 World Qualifying round, where points from today go to help a driver secure a place in one of the two World semi-finals. Current National Points champion Gordon Moodie, # 7, paid us a visit again last meeting and after his rather disappointing form at the meeting before, he returned to his winning ways. Taking both heats and the final and still managed a top sixth place in the G/N from a lap handicap. We usually have a large field of cars for this meeting, so expect the action to be fast and furious.

Our national ORCI Ministox will be competing for the Sye Morrison trophy. This has been changed from the fixture list at the request of the Morrison family. It was to be at the next meeting on the 19th of June, but we have swapped it around with the Jim Miller trophy meeting. This change came after we had printed the fixture list, so apologies to anyone who was expecting the Jim Miller trophy meeting, this will now be on the 19th of June.

This meeting also will have the last 1400cc Banger meeting of the 2011 season, which ends with the usual Demolition Derby at the end of this meeting. There have been plenty of cars in this formulae during the first part of the season, with as I reported at the start of this report, 29 cars in the first race of the last meeting, but not in the second race ! Some drivers go all out in the first race and get their car wrecked which means no car for the other two races. It is amazing what drivers can do to repair their cars after heavy contact, but not all can be repaired in time, better to keep the most damage to the last race of the day.

Last weekend saw the third round of the new Northern Saloonstox championship down at Lochgelly. Eight of our Saloonstox made the trip south and after a good afternoons racing, all returned home with no major damage. There was not as many cars as the first round, but still good racing. The fourth round of this series will be part of today's Saloonstox racing, with all points scored today entered into the new championship. I am not sure how many visiting Saloon's we will have today, but if it is like last time, action is guaranteed.

Also at Lochgelly last Sunday were our Hot Saloon's, making their first visit of four away meetings. 16 cars made the trip down and put on an excellent show for the spectators. Most of our drivers took to the track no problem, some did struggle though but were getting used to

the tight track by the final race of the day. An extra race was added to the meeting, with the Hot Saloon ladies' getting a wee shottie around Lochgelly.

Lochgelly also runs National ORCI Ministox on the Sunday's Crimond is not racing, so a few of our drivers are regular attenders. Last Sunday was no different with four of our drivers having a go. The racing was fast and furious with the bumpers being used as and when required, but all returned home in one piece.

At our next meeting on the 19th of June, we have no Brisca F2's, so we will see the return of the Stoxkarts for their second meeting of the season. This formula is growing in numbers with more local drivers taking part. There will be a record number attending our Scottish championship weekend on August 13/14th, with quite a few English visitors expected.

Next meeting will also see the return of the Van Bangers for their one outing of the season, not sure how many we will have as with scrap price being quite high, a lot of vans are being sent to an early retirement so are difficult to find, we will just have to wait and see.

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

Bill Barrack

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