



LARGE SCALE NEWSLETTER 2008

Well everyone I write this as storms, gales and rain and snow once again hit our shores and I for one will be hoping that this year is not a repeat of the wet and dismal weather we had last year.

So what can we expect? What is new? Well, to answer the last first so to speak there are two things that are new. Firstly the UK will be running the European Championship in 2009 and secondly the 4x4 cars are now voted in to run at the National events.

European Championship

It goes without saying that this event will not run on it's own or by one or two people. It needs a good sized platoon of volunteers prepared to give up of their time otherwise the event will not happen. It also goes without saying that a lot of you will want to race but just a word of caution. In November, our EFRA Rep will attend the EFRA LS AGM where the allocation of places will take place for all the European Countries wishing to take part in the 2009 event. 150 places are soon taken up and it could be that even though the UK is the host country, we only get say 15 places. Now those 15 places will be offered first to the top 15 on the score sheets by the end of this 2008 season so if you want to enter the Euros in 2009 you will have to make sure you are at least in the top 20 (in case of any of the top 15 are not wanting to race or unable to do due to work commitments or illness). One may observe that at recent Euros the full allocation has not been taken up but may I remind everyone thinking this that the last three Euros have been at the far reaches of Europe (Sweden, Austria, Greece). The UK is much more central and one only has to look at Luxemburg when they ran a Euros it was fully subscribed and this year their GP is oversubscribed and the Euros is full up! We also hope that this year after moving our GP forward a few months we have a much better attendance than last year when we were the last round

So to summarise. We ask that those of you not able to race give serious consideration to helping run the event in some capacity or other.

4 x 4 Cars

At present there is only the MCD able to race on road in this class. FG have a 4x4 but in Marder guise at present but when it is available for on-road this will also be allowed. Due to the way these cars handle we cannot put them with two wheeled drive cars in the event only a couple turn up as we do if there are only a few Sports GT so we put them in with Saloons. Therefore it falls on the 4x4 drivers to make sure enough of them turn up to run a heat. It would be beneficial to this class if they booked in well in advance and emailed or called Paul Jenkinson (Race Director) on the Friday before the race weekend to confirm there were enough entries to run a heat.

Those with two wheeled drive cars know that if the grass is wet and you fall off the track you are stuffed until marshalled. 4x4 have an advantage here but we earnestly hope that in the heat of competition they bear in mind we do not want complaints afterwards from the track that the infield was torn up. We have few enough tracks as it is to be fending off possible complaints of this nature to request they act responsibly please.

Tracks

On the subject of tracks it may have been spotted by some of you that the former Tibshelf Committee are set on opening a track elsewhere in the Midlands after the demise of their previous track. We wish them well and hope that if this does get off the ground we in Large Scale are once again able to use the track.

Snetterton is now on this year's calendar. Yes, once you get east of Cambridge the road becomes a single carriageway that at times can get very busy but the track itself should more than make up for this negative aspect (remember, all tracks have a negative aspect or two). Some think this track is small but it would be better described as compact. Large Scale has raced in anger here a few times now and the very high grip nature of the track and the table top smoothness more than makes up for things. The track can be set up in many ways; there is plenty of camping right next to it; toilets and showers are available and the surrounding area hosts the largest outdoor market in the UK. Not forgetting maybe the largest Model Shop in the UK right next door either. The rostrum is high and very wide so all in all we expect the majority to enjoy it. The Chairman, Jon Guest is used to Large Scale and is very welcoming of us.

Rules

Apart from the 4 x 4 class being formed there was very little of major import to worry anyone. Just a slight change to the hierarchy for scrutineering. You all should be receiving your BRCA Handbook sometime this month which will have the rules inside it and it is this copy of the rules that the Series will be run by.

Booking In

Paul has now set up the on-line booking in for our National Series and the EFRA GP we are holding on the 7/8th June. Please make sure you have booked in well in advance of these events please. Web address is <http://www.largechair.com>

Autosport 2008

It will not have escaped the attention of most of you that LS was not invited to run at the Autosport Show and yet the 1/8 and 1/10 gas cars were allowed. We have not made too much of a fuss over this in the expectation that for 2009 we will once again be invited to run. We were not alone in not being invited. Stock cars and Oval (all scales) were also precluded so please be patient and no complaints please and lets hope we are re-instated for next year.

Experience.

Both Ian Oddie and myself have been banging on about this for years. That is this. If you wish to improve your race game and abilities you have to go and race in Europe and test yourself against the Europeans. This coming year we see Luxemburg, Switzerland, Holland and not forgetting the UK all within easy reach of anyone willing and able to do these. Please remember it is not only experience on the track that improves your abilities but knowledge of the rules also creates a comfort zone and confidence. There we go, rant over.

On behalf of the Committee we wish you all a happy and enjoyable series in 2008.

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