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Firstly, I am sure you will all join with me in congratulating Pam and Paul Jenkinson on the birth of their daughter Hannah Kait Jenkinson Born on the 12th March 2007 Mother and daughter are doing very well but Pam will not be able to come to the first few meetings and as such Paul will need all the help he can



get to make sure the meetings run smoothly. This is not just help from the rest of the Committee but help from the drivers as well in making sure they pay on time, get to their marshalling points and so on.

First Round in 2007 at Brooklands

The www.largechair.com web site is the one you book in through. It is a simple and pain-free process and for the first round at Brooklands you are required to have your entry in by no later than 10pm Thursday 29th March. On race day the cut-off time for paying the normal rate is 8.30am and if you are there Saturday during practise then please pay then. If you are still having difficulty in submitting the entry then this will be due to security and cookie settings in your browser or firewall. The site was recently hacked into so care has now to be taken. If you still cannot submit an entry then email Paul at paul@www.pjbj.co.uk with your full name, class entered, personal transponder number and three 40mhz frequencies or notification you will use 2.4ghz and BRCA Number. (You have renewed haven't you?) The first round is always well attended and as the entries are coming in already you would be advised to get the entry in ASAP to avoid not being able to race as there has to be a cut-off point in the numbers. You have been warned!

Rules

They are what we all live our lives by and can be burdensome at worst. However, in this sport of our we also need rules and by now you should have received your 2007 BRCA Handbook. Towards the back you will see the Large Scale section and our rules for this year. Not a lot was changed at the 2006 AGM as it was more of a tidying up exercise. Please take time to read these rules and understand them. Power is knowledge and understanding our rules will also give you confidence at the track in your racing and also prevent any nasty surprises. One rule we did pass was allowing 2.4ghz systems. So lets just briefly touch on the pros and the cons of these systems.

Bad stuff first. Once you use the 2.4ghz system you remove yourself from the protection of Race Control in that no one will ever know what part of the spectrum of 2.4 you are using. If you have problems it will be 100% on your shoulders to resolve. Race Control will be powerless to do so. This is why we ask that you also bring with you three sets of crystals and a 40mhz TX/RX in case of trouble. The transmitting power and range of these systems is more than WiFi, however, should you get too near a transmitting WiFi ariel then it MAY cause problems. We are in uncharted territory here and until we suck it and see we cannot say how things will behave. Just remember 2.4ghz is a public wave band. Lastly on the bad stuff if you abuse servos by constantly taking them to their end stops or have a wide gap on the magneto engine timing switching to 2.4ghz will not stop interference.

The good stuff is that using these systems allow you to switch on in the pits, not have to wait for someone in a previous heat to present you with the frequency peg, you don't have to wait or hunt down that elusive peg and the Pro systems are actually speeding up response times from TX to RX and thus steering wheel systems using the Pro systems are now as fast as a sticks system. Just remember this is just the latest gizmo and still has a few teething problems.

Free DVD Set-Up videos

I promised you all that these DVD's would make an appearance and in case you are not aware of them already (many are even from Australia and USA) they are out now and comprise of two DVD's in a case. You can find out all about how to get them on www.rctek.com (Large Scale Forum) and the topic link is <http://www.rctek.com/phpBB/viewtopic.php?t=5232> or at http://www.rev-up.co.uk/brca_free_dvds.htm and there is a cut down trailer video of what you get at <http://www.rev-up.tv/setup.htm> They are easy to get by either sending a £2 coin, a cheque or paying through PayPal. Everyone who helped in these videos and in future ones have given of their time and expertise to help others in this great sport of ours. I make no charge for the time and effort in doing them so the charge you pay is the media, labels, box, packing and postage. Not a lot to ask for considering what you are getting. So far nearly 300 sets have been sent out!! WOW!



Videos, reports and results during the Season.

Our PRO, Cormat Wyatt will be doing the report and stills pictures. Paul our Chairman/Race Director will publish the results on the www.largechair.com web site soon after the event. I will video (in High Definition) at least five if not six meetings and putting them on www.rev-up.tv shortly after the event. At the end of the season I will release a normal DVD and maybe even a Blu-ray or HD DVD depending on which proves the most popular HD format, of the meetings. These will obviously have more on them than the web video and will be as the same arrangement as the Set-Up DVD's. You pay for media, post and packing only. We really want this Section to swing this year and grow again and show the

rest of the BRCA we ARE the Premier Section. I will be asking for volunteers during free practise to tape to their roof a small camera that can film them going round and any overtaking moves from the front and facing rearwards as well. If you want to be a volunteer for this please let me know. See size of camera that with batteries only weighs 220grams.

www.rev-up.tv

This site has been set up by me not only for our videos but also as a resource for you to publish your videos for everyone to see and enjoy. Obviously there are some rules to follow and all you need to know is on the site. Remember it is FREE!

Autosport 2007

Lastly, Our thanks to Kev Murby, Cormat Wyatt, mechanics and friends who attended the two day event the BRCA ran at Autosport. I have to say that it was obvious that when the Large Scale cars were on track they got the largest crowds most of the time. There is no time like the present to get things moving for next year so we are looking to form two teams of drivers, one team each day. Interested? It will be about the second weekend in January and you get a free pass which obviously many use to walk round the show. If you want to be part of this team contact Cormac, Paul or myself please.

Future Newsletters

If you would like to receive the newsletter direct by email as an Adobe .pdf file (no security issues this way) then please email me (see below) with a blank body and subject line to read '**BRCA NEWSLETTER**'. For those of you with heavy spam blockers and wishing to have this mailed the email coming back to you will contain the same subject heading so you can open up the spam checker to that heading.

Contacting me.

As you will see from the contact information above my telephone/text number is 07968371136. This is 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday please. No other times. Please do NOT leave voice mail as it then becomes expensive to pick-up and call back. Sometimes if I am sailing or walking on the Lake District fells (where we live) there is no G3 phone coverage. In that case a text message to the above number or email at harkinee@gotadsl.co.uk will be best. Please keep to this contact request. Like everyone else my wife and I like our peace and quiet at night and weekends (when not racing). If I happen to be at an EFRA GP/Euros or even the Worlds a text or email is best and the cheapest for all of us. Many thanks.

Chris (Secretary)