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SUPERLEAGUE FORMULA

The event at Donington Park on August 1/2nd for the 250 guys will form part of the International Superleague Formula event. The Superleague Formula links Football with Cars so each of the cars runs in the colours of a top football club as you can see from the Liverpool car below. The slogan is "The Beautiful Race - Football at 300km/h"



The cars are powered by V12 750hp engines so are pretty quick. Last years event at Donington had the honour of kicking off the inaugural series. The 2009 series will go to Magny Cour, Zolder, Estoril, Monza and Jarama besides Donny. Some of last years races were broadcast live on either Eurosport or Motors TV, not sure which. The Donington GP circuit was used in 2008. More details to follow as we get them. The Superleague website is www.superleagueformula.com if you want to know a bit more.

DONINGTON PROMPTS CHANGE TO THE 250 MASTERS CALENDAR

With the late addition of the Donington International event referred to above the Masters schedule has been changed so instead of going to Rissington on Aug. 1/2nd the series will go to Kimbolton on March 8th. The schedule will now be - Kimbolton - March 7/8th, Oulton Park - March 28th, Anglesey - May 9/10th, Sherington - June 20/21st, Cadwell Park - July 18/19th, Fulbeck - Oct. 4/25th

ANOTHER REMINDER FOR OULTON PARK

Several drivers have already booked in so don't forget about the test day which is taking place soon on Tuesday Feb. 10th (The International Circuit). There will be four 15 minute sessions (two AM/two PM) during the day. If you want to take part it is really important that you book in and make a commitment. The cost will be £50. In addition there is now going to be a second day of testing available on Friday March 27th on the Island Circuit. This is of course the day before the Division 1 Championship begins at the circuit but all classes are welcome. Again the price is £50 and bookings need to be made to ensure the superkart slots are retained. Bookings can be made on line via the Oulton website or by phoning Gemma Stevenson on 01829 761112. The website is www.motorsportvision.co.uk (click Oulton Park - Testing - Car Testing - then the date and venue

SNETTERTON FOR 125` S & 210` S

In the recently issued calendar the Snetterton event in the 125/210 series was listed as May 24th but this has now been moved to Bank Holiday Monday the 25th May.

FROM LITTLE ACORNS

Bob Clowes has started to receive registrations for the 125 Open S/C Clubman Challenge which begins at Fulbeck on April 26th so come on you 125 guys lets get behind this and see what we can do to improve the exposure of gearbox racing on S/C. If you want any more info then e-mail Bob on motivrracing@hotmail.com

UK CUP

The "0" plate UK Cup for Div. 1, F250 National, F125 Open and F210 National will be contested at Anglesey on May 9/10th. The UK Cup for F125 ICC will take place at Snetterton on May 25th.

It is not possible to run the ICC at Anglesey because of a Super 4 event taking place on the same day.

WHATS NEW FOR 2009, RULES WISE

Well not a great deal really but there are some things.

- It is recommended that competitors with enclosed awnings have a minimum of a 2kg foam or powder extinguisher, and if more than one private competitor is sharing the awning then a minimum of two 2kg extinguishers be available. Commercial enterprises should be aware of the health and safety at work legislation and provide a minimum of two 6kg foam or powder extinguishers to be placed at the entrance of the awning
- It is recommended that a double element front bumper be fitted. It is intended to make this mandatory from Jan. 1st 2010
- It is recommended that side bumpers be fitted inside long circuit style side pods in all gearbox classes (inc. Div. 1 & 2)
- It is intended from Jan 1st 2010 that all gearbox karts in Div. 1 & 2, F125 Open and F250 National must be fitted with side bumpers.
- It is mandatory to place the fuel tank between the main tubes of the chassis frame, ahead of the seat and behind the rotation axis of the front steering. Side tanks are not permitted
- It is forbidden to attach ballast to the seat but only to the main tubes of the chassis frame or to the floor tray with at least two bolts of a minimum diameter of 6mm
- F125 ICC - The floor tray must comply with MSA Blue Book K125
- F250 National - It is permitted to remove any kick start mechanism bumps and bosses on the back of the crankcase
- The F450 Nationals will have their own set of regulations and be permitted to run in the F250 Clubman Challenge under their own set of regulations
- Div. 1 Superkarts - For engines with two dephased cylinders it is allowed to mount two independent ignitions with two sensors
- F250 National - If a karts runs on long circuit in short circuit trim but with a wing then their minimum weight limit is 200kgs

GEARBOX RACING IN NORTHERN IRELAND

The N.I gearbox calendar just got bigger with the addition of some more events at Nutts Corner and one at Portrush so plenty of choice to keep the guys entertained.

- Nutts Corner - March 14th - Ulster K.C (250 only)
- Kirkistown - April 25th - 500MRCI
- Nutts Corner - May 2/3rd - Irish Grand Prix - Ulster K.C
- Portrush - May 9th - Coleraine & District MC (125 only)
- Nutts Corner - May 30th - Ulster K.C
- Bishopscourt - June 6th - Bishopscourt K.C
- Kirkistown - June 27th - 500 MRCI
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- Nutts Corner - Sept. 5th - Ulster K.C
- Bishopscourt - Sept. 26th - Bishopscourt K.C