

F6

Formula Six Association

NEWSLETTER

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The 2008 Season is underway

I am pleased to say that my worst expectations have not been realised.

At the end of last year I was expecting that we would suffer a reduction in grid sizes and my rough budget was based on an average through the year of around 75! So far we have averaged 85! Good news but it will drop off during the year – it always does! We will loose about 10% as the season proceeds. Some through difficult personal circumstances, (lost job, working Saturday, etc.,) money, physical limitations or injury and plain old “I didn’t think it was going to be this hard to succeed!” and give up and do something totally different.

I welcome back a number of “ex F6” drivers who have returned and for exactly the reverse of the reasons above.

I do know of a couple of drivers who may well not complete the season as they are getting “a bit long in the tooth”.

Richard Andrews told me last Saturday that this would be his last race. I am sorry – as Andrew has been racing with us one way or another for many years. He says he will still keep in touch and may be even lend a hand.

We have had our first round of the Kent Cup. 90 minute race for Rotax drivers either single drivers or “teams”. Many of the competitors opted to drive solo. 90 minutes with one brief fuel stop is bordering on the “you must be mad syndrome!” But they enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to the next one at Bayford Meadows on 3rd May.

F6 with Bayford, Buckmore and Lydd Kart Clubs are exhibiting at Brands Hatch at the A1GP under a general banner of Kent Karting. We hope to attract some new blood into our section of motor sport.

Brooklands Festival

On 28th and 29th June, Brooklands Museum are holding a Festival. Bearing in mind their exhibits include not only all sorts of cars but also bicycles, motor cycles, race and historic cars and aeroplanes – even a Concorde!

I am going to try and arrange to have some sort of presence there, but as we are racing at Lydd on the Saturday, it might be difficult.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help (manning a stand for example) please let me know.

The museum is well worth the small entry fee and is open every day from 10 am.

It is located just inside the M25 (come off at the A3 heading to London and take a left at the first junction).

It really is a good day out and remember it was the UK’s 1st Motor racing circuit and you can also see the UK’s very first airline ticket office! Yes! It was an airport as well!

Their web site address is:

www.brooklandsmuseum.com

Normal day prices are: Adults £8.00, Students & Senior Citizens £6.00 Children 6 to 16 £5.00, 5 & under get in FREE Family ticket £20.00 (admits 2 adults & 3 children)

The two and three quarter mile long track is/was one hundred feet wide, with two enormous banked ends over 30 feet high and built in 1906/7 in just nine months. Three teams of mainly agricultural workers worked three eight-hour shifts basically 24/7! Also there were no JCB’s or earth moving equipment! Best you could hope for would be a steam operated crane and a horse and cart! It was (and still is) a remarkable feat of civil engineering.

2008 Bodywork

I am advised that our “exemption” for 2008 will not be extended for 2009.





How do we get there?

Buckmore Park – Near Chatham
ME5 9QG Phone: 01634 201562

Is situated at the top of Bluebell Hill at the intersection of the M2 and the A229.

Whichever way you approach it is clearly signed “Buckmore Park”

Overnight camping is available but you must make your own arrangements and pay the circuit owners. The fee is paid to the Scouts – it does not stay in the track’s coffers.

Dogs are **NOT** allowed in Buckmore Park.

Lydd International Raceway
TN29 9 JH Phone: 01797 321895

If you want to start from my house, you may! M25, M26, M20 to junction 10 – the second Ashford turn off, signed to Lydd Airport and Brenzett. Keep following the signs to the airport. When you get to the airport (on your left) go straight on over the bridge and take the left fork.

Follow the signs to “Watersports Centre”, “Windsurfing” and “Kart Track”. They are all in the same place! Straight across the roundabout and straight on where the road turns sharp right. This

brings you on to Dengemarsh Road which is more like a lane. Keep going and the entrance to the watersports and kart circuit is on your right.

Overnight camping is available but you must make your own arrangements and pay the circuit owners.

Clay Pigeon Raceway
DT2 9PW Phone: 01935 83713

The circuit is at Wardon Hill, in Dorset and lies on the A37 midway between Dorchester and Yeovil.

If you want to stay overnight you may, but please make arrangements with the track staff.

There are a number of caravans that may be rented.

Bayford Meadows, Sittingbourne
ME10 3RY Phone: 01795 410707

From my house, take the M25, M26 and on to the M20. Take the A249 heading north. Go under the M2 and under the A2. As you start to rise, take the left slip signed for “Bobbing” and “Sittingbourne Industry”. At the roundabout turn right and follow the signs for “Sittingbourne Industry”.

A succession of roundabouts follows. Straight across the first roundabout (new one for new housing estate) over the bridge and

straight on at the next. (Stumble Inn on your left). Next a three-way – turn right. Next straight on and next straight on. You are now heading into the “Eurolink Industrial Estate”. Follow the road turning to the left. (if you get lost – the best landmark to ask the locals is “Medway Galvanising” factory – it is on your right at this point). Take second left (Bonham Drive) and follow the road until you come to Symmonds Drive. Turn left and the Circuit is straight ahead. If we got it right!

If you want to stay overnight you may but please make arrangements with the track staff. The main gates are locked at 2100 hours. No access is permitted until 0700.

Whilton Mill
NN11 5NH Phone: 01327 843822

Leave the M1 at Junction 16, take the first exit on the roundabout signed to Upper Hayford and at about three miles (at the junction with the A5) you turn right. About three miles north up A5 you turn right at the sign for Whilton Mill, go under the railway, over the motorway and the circuit is on the left. The club website gives details and a circuit map.

Go to: www.whiltonmill.co.uk

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