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LATEST NEWS FROM THE BRSCC - Tuesday 19th January 2010

*** SHOW SUCCESS FOR BRSCC**

The Autosport Show ended on Sunday evening after four very busy days on the BRSCC's eye-catching stand, which proved to be popular with show visitors. All ten cars generated a lot of attention with the respective championship co-ordinators reporting a promising amount of genuine interest. The number of visitors attending the Autosport Show seemed to be up on recent years and there was a real buzz around the stand on all four days.

The BRSCC would like to thank all the championships that provided a car for display, not only on the Club stand but throughout the exhibition and special mention should also go to the volunteers who helped build and staff the stand.

A note for your diaries, the 2011 Autosport Show will take place between Thursday 13th and Sunday 16th January.

*** BRSCC LAUNCH RACING GUIDE DVD**

The BRSCC launched a brand new DVD at the Autosport Show last week aimed at encouraging more people to take up circuit racing in the UK. The DVD takes the viewers through the steps of how to get started in club motorsport, which championships are particularly suited to novice competitors, what equipment they will need and all the relevant contacts.

The DVD, which was produced with the support of Grand Prix Racewear and Gaz Shocks, comes as part of the printed guide called 'How to get started in motorsport' which the Club produce annually in time for the Autosport Show. Club Director and Formula Ford competitor Peter Daly commented "We have produced a printed guide on how to get started for many years and it has been a great success. The addition of the DVD takes it one step forward and is part of the Club's aim to reach a wider audience". The DVD is available by sending a request to enquiries@brsc.co.uk

*** RAC TO SPONSOR CADDY TDI IN 2010 VOLKSWAGEN RACING CUP**

Volkswagen's crowd-pleasing racing Caddy TDI will sport an exciting new look in 2010 thanks to a new sponsorship deal with the RAC, as well as a new driver in the shape of Simon Elliott, Director of Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles. The Caddy van's bright orange RAC livery - similar to the paintwork of the organisation's familiar breakdown recovery vehicles - will be seen on the track in the exciting Volkswagen Racing Cup with Fuchs Lubricants. The 2.0-litre Caddy TDI, tuned by RacingLine

to produce 260 PS and more than 500 Nm of torque, made its public debut last week on the BRSCC stand at the Autosport International Show.

Elliott, whose racing appetite was whetted by a couple of late 2009 outings in the championship in a Golf GTI, said: "I started racing last year and realised this was something I really wanted to do. My wife has now given me permission to do the full season, and I've managed not only to persuade my predecessor, Peter Wyhinny, to let me take over driving the van, but more importantly we have new sponsors for this high profile Caddy van."

Martin Quail, Head of RAC Corporate Partnerships, said: "We were excited to be approached with the opportunity to sponsor the Caddy in the Volkswagen Racing Cup. It provides us not only with the opportunity to strengthen our relationship with Volkswagen further, but also to engage with business customers and motor racing fans alike." Championship director Melissa Wright added: "The Caddy is a spectator favourite and, as Peter Wyhinny proved, a seriously competitive machine on its day. It will be great to see it racing in RAC livery and with Simon at the wheel."

The championship, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary, kicks off at Oulton Park at Easter (3-5 Apr) and features double-header races at Snetterton, Rockingham, Donington Park and the Grand Prix circuits at Silverstone and Brands Hatch, as well as its first overseas event, at Zandvoort in the Netherlands. For more information visit www.vw-cup.co.uk

*** DOUBLE BOOST FOR CLUB FORMULA FORD**

The BRSCC's Club Formula Ford Championship received a double boost just before the Autosport Show with news of sponsorship support from Avon Tyres and that influential Formula Ford 'guru' James Beckett has joined the championship as co-ordinator.

Avon Tyres has put their name to both the Northern and Southern divisions of the Club Formula Ford Championship, having of course been the controlled tyre for many years. Roger Everson, the Sales & Marketing Manager for the Avon Tyres Racing Division said, "Our tyres are synonymous with Formula Ford so we are delighted to support the marque's leading entry level championship." BRSCC Competitions Director, Drew Furlong, added "This is great news for Club Formula Ford. It is very encouraging that Avon Tyres has shown faith in the championship and with James working together with our current regional co-ordinators we are very confident that the 2010 season will be a successful one for all concerned."

James Beckett commented "This is a natural progression from working with the BRSCC on the Formula Ford Festival and I was pleased to be approached by the Club to work with them on their Formula Ford 1600 projects. My passion for Formula Ford has been well documented, and my aim is to further enhance and develop the category through all the BRSCC regions."

For more information contact James Beckett on 07764 177125 or email beckettje@aol.com

*** DUNLOP MSA FORMULA FORDS GO DUTCH**

The Dunlop MSA Formula Ford Championship of Great Britain unveiled last week a superb provisional calendar for the new season - the 44th in Formula Ford's illustrious history - with five meetings supporting British Formula 3, one alongside the Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship, another supporting the DTM and a "jewel in the crown" slot at Europe's F3 blue riband event, the Zandvoort Masters.

The Ford-backed championship will be contested over 25 races with a mix of double-header and triple-race events spread over the 10 meetings; Sam Roach of Formula Ford promoter RacingLine says the planned calendar will be superb for spectators and competitors alike: "The natural

progression of drivers from Formula Ford to Formula 3 is being reinforced with every passing season. Our 2008 champion, Wayne Boyd, was a British F3 race-winner last year and we expect our '09 champion, James Cole, to follow Wayne into F3 this season. So we are in an excellent position for the coming year with five of our 10 meetings alongside British F3 at the UK's best circuits. It's fantastic also to have been selected to join the bill at the European 'Formula 3 Grand Prix', the Masters at Zandvoort in the Netherlands, which I am sure will be a highlight for everyone."

The British teams will share the grid in Holland with cars from the Benelux Formula Ford series, and it's hoped that Scandinavian-series cars will join the party to create what would be an interesting sneak preview of the Festival. For more information go to www.britishformulaford.co.uk

*** AWARDS DINNER DANCE**

With the Autosport Show finished for another year, the next main event on the BRSCC schedule before our season gets underway in April is the Awards Presentations Dinner Dance for the 2009 campaign. The Awards Dinner is on Saturday 20th February at the Holiday Inn, Stratford-upon-Avon. Tickets are still available by calling Carole Jackson on 01732 783147 or emailing carole@brscc.co.uk and are priced at £49.

*** BRSCC PORSCHE CHAMPIONSHIP SILVERSTONE TEST DAY**

A test day has been arranged on the Silverstone National circuit on Friday 26th February for drivers who are registered for the 2010 BRSCC Porsche Championship. The cost is £179.00 and the closing date for payment is Monday 25th January. Time is short so please telephone Ernie on 07778 666 911 if you wish to attend, so that numbers can be confirmed to Silverstone. Cheques should be made payable to "Porscheracing Drivers Association" and sent to Ernie Cheetham at: Lodge Sports, Abbey Hey Lane, Gorton, Manchester M18 8TG.

To participate in the test day you will need to register for the championship before the test day (i.e. before 26th February). For 2010, the championship registration form is contained in the Championship Regulations. These will be available to download from the BRSCC website in the near future. The payment arrangements for the Championship registration fee have been changed for 2010. Cheques should be made payable to "BRSCC". Credit card payments for the registration fee can also be made direct to the BRSCC by calling 01732 780100.

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