

Welcome to the Race Office.

Once you have joined the Club, and got your Membership sorted out, and most importantly, your ACU Licence, you are ready for the first steps into the Racing arena with Derby Phoenix. You will have sent in your Entry Form, and hopefully got a place in the races of your choice.

By whatever means available you will have gotten yourself to the Race Circuit, and at Derby Phoenix, we try to find a good mix of venues (subject to the Circuit owners being kind to us).

In the 2005 year we have been to Snetterton; Anglesey; Mallory; Croft; Oulton Park; Donington; and Cadwell.

In 2006, we have provisionally got the following venues: - Croft. Mallory (twice); Cadwell (three times); Donington; Oulton; and Snetterton.

Now for the useful bits: -

- You will receive a Scrutineering Card and Race Number.
 - The card will be either GREEN or RED;
 - Green Cards mean that you have nothing more to do on the day other than getting Scrutineered, and then coming into the Race Office to give us your Card (which is your 'Signing On Card'), SHOW US YOUR LICENCE; then picking up your Practice Pass and Programme.
 - Red Cards, mean that you need to do something extra – like pay us some money; sign your Entry Form or fill in missing information on it. Once you have done what's required, you get your Practice Pass and Programme.
- We have now started opening the Race Office and Scrutineering on the evening before the Race Meeting. Make use of this, as you will help us to get things completed earlier on the Race Day, so hopefully we can start practice on time, and then get into the Racing proper.
- If there is anything that you have changed, such as a different or extra machine let us know as early as possible, so we can change it in the Master Programme. Sidecars can and do change passengers, once again let us know as soon as possible.
- If you want to change classes or try to get in an additional class, once again, the sooner the better.
- If the worst happens, and you have a breakdown or fall off, please let us know straight away – it may mean that a reserve rider might get a ride. (They generally thank you for their chance to get on the track.) We thank you for giving us the chance to get them out there.
- Get your licence card signed after each days racing, if you can, come into the Race Office when you have finished your races. It helps us to spread the load a little, as at the end of the meeting we have a lot to do to sort out the required paperwork.

In addition to the Race Secretary (either Jim Hinchliff; Mick Hooley or John Frakes) who have put the programme together, and more than likely had you on the phone in

the built up to the closing date, and even up to and on the day, you will find two very kind and considerate rotweillers (oops! sorry - gentlemen) Graham and myself, and the good ladies Alison and Sue who really do take a grip on things and keep the wheels turning (generally with tea and coffee).

Don't forget we are there to help, on our side of the counter there is a wealth of information and assistance for you. Make use of it.

Enjoy your racing with DPMCC.

Dave Smith
General Secretary
November, 2005.