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After an excellent start to the bank holiday weekend weather, things were not so kind to us on Saturday at Thruxton at the start of our racing weekend. Showers and strong winds prevailed throughout the day, however, even this did not deter from the superb racing. Caterhams once again proving just how exciting and how extremely quick they are on the very demanding Thruxton circuit. Congratulations to all competitors quite a few of whom had never raced there before.

A huge well done to Ben De Zille Butler on winning both races in the R400 class and to Graham Fennymore on his two fine wins in the Roadsport A Class.

After a very disappointing day on Saturday which resulted in a very unhappy Rachel Green being excluded from the results, things could not have turned out much better for her in the feature race on Sunday with a splendid second place finish. Well done Rachel, what a difference a day makes!

Congratulations also to Ewan McIntyre and James Gardiner for winning the Minister Driver of the Day Awards on Saturday and to Rachel and a stunned Tony Hawkins on receiving the same for the Feature Race on Sunday.

Our next meeting is some seven weeks away on the 17th July at Snetterton. To book general testing prior to this meeting, please contact the circuit on 01.953 887303 to book.

No further news yet as to details relating to the A1 meeting at Brands Hatch on the 24/25/26th September. I know that some of you are desperate to make plans for this weekend and once timetables have been confirmed, I will contact you immediately.

IMPORTANT – FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

A reminder for everyone from Ian Billett, our Eligibility Scrutineer regarding fire extinguishers and their maintenance. After checking and inspecting all extinguishers at Thruxton, none were found to be empty, however some were found to be over their due date for servicing. There is a mandatory requirement that all extinguishers are serviced and the date of the next inspection recorded on the extinguisher itself. After this date the extinguisher must not be used. A couple of extinguishers at Thruxton were found to have only a one-year gap between next service checks. This is the date that will be used for due date of next examination.

I would remind you of **5.3 – SAFETY REQUIREMENTS** “The car must be fitted with 2.25 litre capacity plumbed in fire extinguisher to MSA specification Q3.1.2(a). This system must be capable

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of being operated from both inside and outside the car, and must include nozzles directed into both the engine compartment and the interior. This extinguisher may be relocated from its standard position in the passenger foot well to the boot, provided that it is securely bolted in place. The fire extinguisher pull of a plumbed in system must be marked by a black 'E' on a red circle.

Under MSA and FIA regulations, fire extinguishers need to be recertified every two years. If your car is two years old this year, it is likely that your extinguisher will require this.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish my good friend and co-ordinator, Kim Denning a very speedy recovery after being taken very ill at Knockhill recently. I was very happy to take over her role for the weekend and it gave me an opportunity to familiarise myself with Roadsport B's and Inters and also to meet her competitors. Thanks also to them for helping me out they were very kind.

That's it for now. Enjoy your June break and I look forward to seeing you at Snetterton.

With kind regards.

Ros