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EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF RADIO OPERATED MODEL AUTOMOBILES

1/8th Off Road Newsletter 2005/1

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Dear sportfriends:

The EFRA 2005 AGM has passed now. Enclosed you will find a copy of the minutes of the 1/8 Section Buggy although anyone willing to can download those (and the rest) at <http://www.efra.se> on the news page.

I have been elected by the Section as the successor of Mr. Mick B.Hill and so that I will be at your disposal as he ever has been.

My intention is to keep on with the work of Mick, his heritage on the friendly section will be respected and the climate of consensus and common sense will be one of our main motions.

Highlights:

We have agreeded to make possible qualification heats with 15 cars and possible subfinals and final with 12 cars.

We have as well agreeded to have all cars of both semifinals impounded at Technical inspection and ALL cars will be released at the same time. That will give equal chances to every driver to prepare the car for the main final and it is FAIR to everyone.

A proportional scheme in event of possible not completion of qualification rounds has been incorporated to the rules.

On the technical side, the 2 chamber mufflers (pipes) have been banned for EFRA international races, so that the only mufflers valid for now on are the 2000 series with the exception of the 2008 (which is also a 2 chamber muffler and so that it is deleted from the list).

Also a mention of prohibited use of additives has been included for the tyre issue.

2006 Calendar

The 2006 EFRA Calendar includes 2 EFRA GP and 2 European Championships.

In chronological order we will start the season of international European Racing at Ripoll (Gerona) Spain, weekend will be the 2nd of April, from 7 to 9 April. Organizers web site will be from the 1st December 2005 (or sooner) <http://www.ultimateracing.es> .

That race will also serve as warm-up for the European Championship A. Web site direction will be valid for both events.

Then the racers will go to France, to St. Exupery nearby the airport of Lyon, there we will hold the EFRA GP of France, date will be 2nd weekend of May, a nice report on french language over a race held there late april 2005 can be found here:

http://www.arc14.com/MesPages/Courses/20050424_CFB_StEx/St-Exupery.php

The club web site is actually this one:

<http://monsite.wanadoo.fr/camse/>

Later that year Section will be looking at Italy, AMSCI (the Italian association) will be hosting the 3rd European B event for our Class. Venue is situated, like Ripoll one, on the mountains, approx. 35 km far from Torino towards the french border. The Venue will use the improving facilities of the Olympic Winter Games to be held feb. 2006 with Hotels, roads, restaurants and everything prepared to host an important event like ours is (thanks to the Olympic Committee).

Location is Bruzolo, at Valle de Susa, nearby famous skying stations like Sestrieres.

Club name is C.A.S.V. Club Automodellismo ValleSusa and web site will be available soon.

Track is brand new and it is perfectly prepared to host such important event in the second weekend of June, from 9-11 June 2006.

We will finish our European calendar going back to Ripoll for the XXVI European Championship from 11-15 July.

Places are still available for both events, A&B, request of additional places can be made as agreed before the 15 December without being considered as reallocations. If your Federation hasn't been able to apply for at the past AGM don't lose this big chance. For the procedure please check the Section minutes at <http://www.efra.se>

As a fact Greece has already been granted with 5 places for the Euros A at Ripoll so places allocated now are 165 and there are 15 spots free.

The final event of the year will be the XI IFMAR World Championship at Jakarta (Indonesia) dates are August 28 to September the 3rd and the venue is located at a leisure park, Jaya Ancol with a Pre-worlds race to be held there in March 2-5. Web site is <http://www.iateam.com> and useful information can be found on the news page of efra web site, <http://www.efra.se/news/index.html> .

Application for extra places at this event is not possible, at the AGM the Section decided the reallocation order for extra places. To cover that list we will apply IFMAR for as much places available as we may obtain, but European countries must understand that this event will have as well a high demand of places from the FEMCA block.

Continuing with the IFMAR matters Section decided at the meeting to put forward to IFMAR the rule of the impound of all semifinalists cars and its release at the same time and as well the proposal over finals of 12 cars with 4 bump-ups, those proposals will be done later on the year.

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We are both willing help you, please, consult with us in case of any doubt.

With my best regards

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