

1/8th I.C. Off Road Buggy: Section Chairman

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Dear Sport friends:

Another letter from your EFRA Section Chairman for the 1/8th I.C. Off Road Class, this time for the 2014 season, highlights, new rules and my vision.

The 2014 season has already started with the EFRA GP of France at Noeux Les Mines 3 weeks ago, and the serious business is about to start in another 3 weeks with the EFRA GP of Germany, warm-up of the European Championship A at Sand Am Main, Germany, deep centre of Europe. The website of the organizer of the race is http://www.mscsand.de with this link valid as well for the August European Championship A (The Absolute one). The warm-up event is fully booked while the Entry lists for the ECA had been sent to the different countries and by the end of May the registration list will be published.

The next month, June, is the designated month for the ECB in Madrid, Spain, inside the City itself, at Fuencarral quartier by the tennis federation courts. The dates of the event will be 6-8 June, Friday to Sunday, and its Entry list is nearly ready for publishing tomorrow 1st of May.

The club web site is http://www.clubcartt.com/euro-b/; the club is working very hard to make an excellent event and I have been told we will be able to use the swimming pool next to the track, the only problem will be to find 5 minutes off to pay a visit. As a positive input achieved out of this EFRA event the Club has doubled his space with the concession of the immediate next big space of the former gardening school for handicapped people.

July is the ordinary month for our ECA, but this year the date has been moved to August and so that July was free. The Oldies have been very diligent and has taken our ordinary dates, second weekend of July for our Open Entry EC +40. The Venue is going to be Fehring in Stirya, Austria and the club web site is http://www.wmw-fehring.at/. A small reflexion over this event: it is an Open Entry EC and registration is done directly by the drivers with the Organizer, our simple requirements are: to be older than 40, and to have or obtain an EFRA licence, Does it mean a non European oldie can make it? It is not impossible, for sure the organizer can help with its national federation in order to issue an EFRA licence. So.... are we going to be able to see soon an European championship race with Yuichi Kanai, Mark Pavidis, Richard Saxton and some other classic drivers from all over the world?

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In August we are going back to Sand Am Main, Germany, for the XXXIV EFRA European Championship A, 4th to

9th August, and later in the month we will have the EFRA GP of Portugal 22th to 24th in the north of Portugal,

Freixedas, the web site of the club is http://www.crfreixedas.com

September 2014 will be the month for the IFMAR Worlds in Giardini Naxos, Messina, Italy, from Thursday 18th

September to Saturday 27th with the practice extended in two days from its original timetable but taking out any

kind of warm-up or pre-event practice aiming a fair race for all drivers. This extension has been voted by the

IFMAR blocs the last month. Track is under reconstruction and will be closed for all purposes until the mentioned

date 18th September. The web site for the event is http://www.messinaworlds.it

In regards of our rules the more important changes had been the introduction of a junior final at all our suitable

European Championships, the new wing for 2015 and the noise limit that will start to be controlled during this

season.

For such noise control a noise trap will be placed track side and EFRA will register all valid results and publish

those, minimum on a daily basis, with a clear indication of who are above the limit and so that are required to

improve in order to avoid penalties (the penalties will come in 2015).

Is noise control a valid route? From my point of view it is a must, and the only way to achieve an environmental

friendly sport. The equipment is on its way and I hope I will be able to test it and start to use it in Sand Am Main for

the EFRA GP of Germany and from then on for the rest of the season.

My opinion about the Season? It is going to be long, it is going to destroy my family holidays, it is going to cause

me problems with my work time, it is going to give me headaches but I love this sport and I love to see it played on

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a fair basis, and if this means more dedication I will do it as far as I am able to.

With my best regards yours in the sport

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