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## EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF RADIO OPERATED MODEL AUTOMOBILES

Dear Racers, Organisors and Federation Officials,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have recently become Vice Chairman of the Electric Track section of EFRA, taking over from fellow countryman Russ Giles. I am mostly in charge of the 1/12<sup>th</sup> scale racing, this is where I am from. I started racing this about 40 years ago and have both raced at and organised Club activities. I went on to race in and run Regional, National, European and World events. My interests have not been restricted to 1/12<sup>th</sup> though, I have raced many classes and organised these classes at many levels. My contribution to EFRA had, so far, been restricted to refereeing and contributing at the EFRA AGM where I represented the BRCA interests. That said I have also always been interested in keeping EFRA a healthy and sound organisation and have enjoyed the privilege of contributing from the floor to help continue this.

I have recently retired from the Chairman role at the BRCA, this was to allow me to give more time to my recently retired wife. She has supported my racing and interests in model sports for decades without having any enthusiasm for it, I expect her to demand a little attention now. So as the BRCA Chairman's role deserves constant, almost daily attention. so I have swapped 8,000 "clients" for about 120 and only have one meeting a year to worry about.

I intend to use my experience to aid and advise where I can. The racing is important to me and that means all elements. This covers the drivers experience and well-being as well as the organisors and officials, EFRA's reputation in being able to assist in the delivery of the best events possible and, last but not least, being able to crown an undisputed European Champion. I want all the meetings I am involved in to have a big grin factor for everyone, especially for the host clubs because we want a good one to be repeated. I want the losers to be enthused enough to come back. I even want the referees to enjoy themselves because if they don't we'll run out of them!

I'm happy to receive any feedback, positive or negative, from the drivers, organisors, clubs or officials as without this we can't improve all of it quickly. I'm particularly keen to establish some form of formal feedback from team manager's meetings as it's rare to see them at the EFRA AGM and we rarely hear the issues they raise from their own federations.

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