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DUNLOP MOTORSPORT IRELAND YOUNG RACING DRIVER OF THE MONTH - MAY 2008

20 year old Robert Barrable from Swords has been selected Dunlop Young Racing Driver of the Month for May. The young Dubliner's performances during the month, which included a pair of wins at the 40th Anniversary meeting at Mondello Park, have given him the nomination, and he has since scored another double victory at Knockhill in Scotland.

Robert began his Motorsport career in Karting at the age of 13. Since then, he has progressed through the karting ranks, finishing third in the Irish Karting Club's Rotax Max Championship in 2006, before moving up to his current

Formula Ford 1600 Swift. With backing from sponsors World Wide Cars and Michael Barrable Motors, he hopes to maintain his lead in the Irish FF1600 Championship and would like to contest the UK Formula Ford series next year.

Robert is the second Dunlop Driver of the Month for 2008, and is now a contender for the prestigious Dunlop Motorsport Ireland Young Racing Driver of the Year Award, the total prize fund of which is €50,000. This award is presented annually and is sponsored by Irish Dunlop Ltd. with additional support from the Irish Sports Council and Motorsport Ireland.



FUTURE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE OBLIGATORY USE OF HEAD RESTRAINTS - UPDATED

The wearing of a head restraint approved by the FIA e.g. HANS® will be mandatory for all drivers and co-drivers in events as follows:

- All Motorsport Ireland (MI) National and International Stage Rally events: from 1.1.09.
- All FIA championships, trophies, cups and challenges: from 1.1.08.
- All events entered on the FIA

International Sporting Calendar: from 1.1.09.

A number of Head and Neck Support Devices have been submitted to the FIA to assess their compliance with FIA Standard 8858-2000. Unfortunately, a number of these devices have not yet complied with this standard and therefore cannot be approved. When purchasing your

head restraint please ensure that it is approved by the FIA and has the appropriate label.

The Guide for the use of the HANS device in motor sport can be found using this link:
http://www.fiainstitute.com/documents/HANS_Guide.pdf

JULY FIXTURES

5	Cork	Autotest
5/6	Tipperary	Hillclimb Weekend (HC)
5/6	Leinster	Race Meeting – Anglesey
6	Skibbereen	Autotest
6	TDC	Multi – Venue Autotest
6	ALMC	Stages Rally
12/13	Wexford	Sprint
13	Connacht	Sligo Stages Rally
13	TDC	Autotest
13	Skibbereen	Economy Run
13	Tipperary	V+V Dungarvan Fun Run
17/18/19	Rally Isle of Man	International (TROA)
19	Munster CC	Hillclimb
19/20	Midland	Autocross
19/20	Limerick	Autotest
19/20	Munster KC	Kart Race Meeting (O Plate)
19/20	MRCCI	Midget Car Race
20	Cork	Sprint
20	MEC	Race Meeting – Mondello
26	500 MRCI	Race Meeting, Kirkistown
27	Co Monaghan	Rallysprint

RACE COMMITTEE

Fiat Punto Abarth – 2008 Technical Regulations for this class are published on the MI website under Useful Information /Technical Information. They are unchanged from 2007.

Supercars: Rockingham 12/13.7.08 replaces Oulton Park 10.5.08 in the Class Calendar published in the March 2008 Bulletin. Kirkistown 30.8.08 – second race approved if agreed by 500MRCI.

LICENCE STATISTICS

The following figures relate to the number of competition licences issued up to and including 30 June:

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Renewals	1769	1802	1938	2174	2397	2615	2286	2983	2981	3158	3354	3490	3657	3720
First Time	374	446	486	522	537	669	507	595	603	566	524	520	560	575
Total	2143	2248	2424	2696	2934	3284	2793	3578	3584	3724	3878	4010	4217	4295

The following figures relate to the FIRST interest as expressed on competitors' licence application forms, up to and including 30 June:

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Special Stage Rallying	1346	1495	1642	1888	1478	2137	2066	2040	2211	2393	2499	2517
Circuit Racing	257	282	248	272	285	291	289	283	275	275	295	325
Navigation Trials	166	191	231	194	147	150	143	176	198	191	199	211
Kart Racing	226	251	284	278	285	302	243	198	204	206	197	202
Rallycross	44	54	66	77	82	82	120	150	127	119	141	144
Autocross	76	85	69	86	80	98	115	153	148	160	161	142
Hillclimb	see sprint	see sprint	50	71	62	78	116	134	119	105	109	107
Historic Stage Rallying	see retro	see retro	44	63	55	64	92	118	105	89	87	85
Autotests	60	59	56	59	48	60	62	67	68	67	67	68
Sporting Trials	72	62	67	67	66	63	57	64	63	56	53	59
Rallysprint	see sprint	see sprint	5	16	17	21	52	98	74	49	42	44
Retrospective Trials	51	52	50	50	29	32	24	24	36	39	37	38
Sprint	49	59	6	0	7	4	16	28	28	35	19	23
Midget Car Racing	19	21	31	28	19	29	23	18	17	14	17	16
4x4 Production Vehicle Trials	35	43	37	32	25	31	27	34	24	20	10	14
Production Car Trials	see 4x4	see 4x4	0	2	1	1	4	3	2	0	0	1
No Interest Indicated	23	42	48	101	107	135	135	136	179	192	284	299
TOTAL	2424	2696	2934	3284	2793	3578	3584	3724	3878	4010	4217	4295

ELIGIBILITY CHECKS

The following cars were sealed by scrutineers at MEC Race Meeting at Mondello Park on 17/18.5.08: FF1600: Patrick McKenna (Car 19), Robert Barrable (Car 21), Morgan

Dempsey (Car 72). All were checked for bore, stroke, swept volume and camshaft measurements. Fiat Punto: Dan Rooney (Car 14) - bore, stroke, swept volume, camshaft

measurements and gearbox. They were later checked and all were found to comply with the relevant class regulations.

FIRE TRAINING

The first Motorsport Ireland Fire Marshal training course took place in Virginia, Co Cavan, on May 31 with a high attendance from Co Cavan Motor Club. Further training courses are being scheduled around the country and Clubs will be notified.

DATE CHANGES

MRCCI Race Meeting from 13.7.08 to 19/20.7.08
 MRCCI Race Meeting from 24.8.08 to 3.8.08
 Imokilly Autotest from 16.7.08 to 9.8.08
 Cork Jim Walsh Forestry Rally (FR) from 16/17.8.08 to 16.8.08 (one day only)
 500 MRCI/IMRC Race Meeting from 9.8.08 to 16.8.08
 Birr Autocross (A) from 29/30.3.08 to 13/14.9.08

DOPING CONTROL TEST RESULTS

Tests for the detection of prohibited substances were carried out on four drivers by the Irish Sports Council at the Carlow CC Rallycross on 9.3.08. No prohibited substances or prohibited methods were identified.

RULE CHANGE/YEARBOOK AMENDMENT

Committee: Karting Committee
 Appendix 70: Rule Number: 12.1.1.11
 Detail Reasons for Rule Change:
 This class is the same spec as an MSA Class and in January 2008 the MSA introduced a new Tryton Carburettor. This new carburettor has not functioned correctly, resulting in major difficulties for drivers. The Karting committee has agreed to introduce a new Carburettor with the

addition of an in line fuel filter.
 Existing Rule:
 12.1.1.11 Carburettor.
 As per the 2008 homologation fiche for the Comer W60 engine the carburettor is the ZC001 Tryton Carburettor. It must remain unmodified and conform in all aspects to the homologation fiche. Novice drivers can use the old Tillotson Carburettor until June 30th 2008.

Revised Rule:
 12.1.1.11 Carburettor.
 The Carburettor for the Comer W60 engine is the Tillotson type HL-392A, stamped 'MI' complete with Tillotson in-line fuel filter type FS-1. It must remain unmodified and conform in all aspects to the master carburettor as held by Motorsport Ireland.

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