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**DUNLOP MOTORSPORT IRELAND  
YOUNG RACING DRIVER OF THE MONTH – JUNE 2009**

21 year-old Patrick McKenna from Swords, Co Dublin, has once again impressed the judges with his performances during the month of June, while competing in the British Formula Ford Championship. Patrick has earned himself the title of Dunlop Young Racing Driver of the Month by finishing in 4th place at Knockhill in round 8 of this highly competitive series.



*Patrick McKenna*

This year, Patrick is contesting the complete UK FF Championship in the Mygale run by Jamun Racing, as well as the end of season highlight, the long established Formula Ford Festival at Brands Hatch.

Patrick won both the Irish Open Karting and the C Plate Karting Championships before he moved on

to FF1600. He was runner up in the 2008 Young Racing Driver of the Year Award. Sponsored by Willsborough Transport and DIT Sports, thanks to Paul Kenny, this young student of Manufacturing

Engineering intends to race in either Britain or the USA next year. During the summer break from college, he is currently passing on his karting experience by working with the Noel Carey Kart team.

## AUGUST FIXTURES

1/2	Killarney	Autocross (LS)
1/2	Limerick	Hillclimb (HC)
2	Tipperary	V+V Pre 1950 Vintage Run
8/9	Phoenix Park Race	Meeting
9	Tipperary	Stonethrowers Stages Rally (SR)
9	Carlow	Autotest (Closed)
9	Mayo	Autocross (LS)
15	Cork	Jim Walsh Cork Forestry Rally (FR)
15/16	Midland	Autocross (A)
15/16	MRCCI	Midget Car Race
16	SKC	Kart Race Meeting (KC)
16	Co Monaghan	Autocross (LS)
21/22	NIMC	Ulster International Rally (TROA)
22	Imokilly	Autotest
22/23	MEC	Hillclimb Weekend (HC)
23	Northeast	Mini Stages Rally
23	Co Kildare	Race Meeting - Mondello
23	TDC	Multi - Venue Autotest
23	Skibbereen	Autotest
23	MRCCI	Midget Car Race
29/30	IMRC	Historic Sprint
30	MRCCI	Midget Car Race
30	IKC	Kart Race Meeting (C Plate)
30	Galway	Summer Rally (SR)
30	Carlow	Autocross (A)

## SEPTEMBER FIXTURES

5	Cork	Autotest (H)
5/6	Donegal	Hillclimb (HC)
6	Munster CC	Autotest (H)
6	Castle	Mini Stages Rally

Patrick is the third Dunlop Driver of the Month for the 2009 season, and is now a contender for the prestigious €50,000 Dunlop MI Young Racing Driver of the Year Award. This award is presented annually and is sponsored by Dunlop, the Irish Sports Council and MI.

## OFFICIALS' LICENCES - RALLYCROSS

With effect from 1.9.09, an officials' licence will be mandatory for the following Rallycross Officials: Clerk of the Course, Deputy Clerk of the Course and Stewards. The Race Official grade licence has been extended to include Rallycross events. Those wishing to apply for a Rallycross licence should do so using the Officials' Licence Application form (available on the MI website or from the MI office).

# DUNLOP HAWTHORN TROPHY

At the end of July the Vee class have completed 6 rounds with most other classes on 5 counting rounds. After the events at Anglesey and July Kirkistown the positions are:

Stephen Kershaw (Vee) 197 (6 rounds), Gary Miller (Punto/Uno) 188 (5), Daniel Polley (Vee) 187 (6), David O'Brien (Vee) 179 (6), Robbie Allen (Vee) 178 (6), Garry Newsome (Sheane) 169 (5), Barry Hallion

(Punto/Uno) 167 (5), Anton Savage (Sheane) 161 (5), Jackie Cochrane (Historic) 160 (4), Paul Flanagan (Punto/Uno) 158 (5), William Callaghan (Vee) 158 (6), Alan Quinn (Punto/Uno) 157 (5).

The class leaders outside the top dozen are: Alan Watkins (Stryker) 145 (4), Liam Denning (Abarth) 138 (4), Morgan Dempsey (FF1600) 121 (5),

Bob Cameron (Porsche) 116 (4), Dan Daly (Libre) 97 (3), Keith Dawson (Global) 62 (2).

The final three events are the August and September Kirkistown and the Leinster Trophy at Mondello. The table is very closely bunched and it is much too early to predict the outright winner.

## DATE CHANGES

Connacht Autotest (H) 24.10.09 changed to 7.11.09 Galway Autotest (H) 25.10.09 changed to 8.11.09

## AMENDMENTS TO YEARBOOK

### Appendix 82 - NATIONAL RALLYCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Article 4 Championship Registration: now reads:

Competitors must fill out a championship registration form to be eligible to score championship points. This form must be returned with the registration fee of €40.00 to the championship registrar prior to the end of the third championship round, no forms will be accepted after this date. Forms will be available from the Clubs, Mondello Park and from the event secretary at events. Please ensure that you are registering for the correct class.

#### Art 6: Championship Divisions:

Modified classes now read:

Class 3a: Vehicles over 2150cc

Class 3b: Vehicles over 1650cc up to a maximum of 2150cc, including Division 2 vehicles

Class 4: Vehicles up to a maximum of 1650cc

#### Art 29: Final Championship Awards: add new paragraph:

The top 10 finishers in the Overall and Stock Hatch Cup will be awarded a race number for the following season based on finishing position.

#### Art 29.1: Event Awards: now reads:

The following are the awards to be presented at an event: 1st, 2nd & 3rd in A Final and Superfinal and 1st in B & C Finals. Class awards will not be

awarded at events, except for Rallycars.

Art 30.3: Rallycross Cars: now reads: Rigidly closed, non convertible saloon, sports and GT cars with full bodywork. All forms of lightening and tuning permitted.

#### Art 32: All cars must be fitted with:

Add new Art 32.19: A rear view mirror inside the car and 2 rear view mirrors on the exterior of the vehicle.

#### Art 33: Driver Clothing:

Art 33.4 now reads: Clothing as per Appendix 2 of MI Yearbook.

Art 33.5 now reads: Boots and underwear as per Appendix 2 of MI Yearbook.

### Appendix 84 - JUNIOR RALLYCROSS CUP

Art 2.1: Classes:

Class A: unchanged

Class B: All other vehicles, which have a high standard of specification, i.e. multi-valve, twin cam, multipoint injection, etc.

Class C: MSA Junior Minicross cars. N.B. Class C cars will no longer be eligible to compete after the conclusion of the 2009/2010 Championship.

#### Art 11: Wheels and Tyres:

Art 11.3 now reads: A control tyre will be used. Avon CR322 Wheel-tyre assemblies MUST not exceed 6 inches in width.

#### Art 15 Equality of Performance:

Add new Art 15.2: The following minimum weights excluding driver are set for individual makes and models of eligible cars. When a make/ model is entered for which there is not a specified minimum weight, a weight will be calculated and published in the Motorsport Ireland Bulletin.

Nissan Micra : 700Kg

Mini: 620Kg

Suzuki Swift : 650Kg

Peugeot 106 : 730Kg

#### Art 19: now reads:

Licence requirements & Competitor Eligibility:

Competitor: Junior Speed (14-16 years of age inclusive).

Competitors must be aged 16 years of age or under on September 1 prior to commencement of a new championship. Any competitor who turns 17 during the championship will be allowed to finish the remaining championship events in the junior class.

#### Entrants: Competitor Entrant's Licence (Parents/Guardians attending events with junior).

Entrants must remain at the circuit during the event so as to be available if needed by the event officials.

Licence application forms available from MI.