



Neil Shanahan

"Glencar"²³

23rd June, 2001.

Mr. Robert Ahlander,
Welsh Racing Drivers Assoc.

Dear Mr. Ahlander,

I am writing to express our sincere thanks for the tribute which your Association paid to our son Neil by awarding a Trophy in his name. It means so much to us to know that Neil is remembered and is well regarded by drivers and their associations alike. These are very difficult times for us, and hearing of something like this certainly gives us a lift.

Neil loved racing at the Penllyn Circuit and as a family we enjoyed our trips to Wales greatly. I think Welsh and Irish people are very alike, and enjoy their racing in a more relaxed atmosphere which can be lacking at other circuits.

Once again thank you on behalf of my husband Liam, daughter Clare and myself,

This means a lot to us

Yours Sincerely
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Dear Mary

Thank you for your kind letter. It was something that we thought appropriate as soon as we heard that the Irish Formula Ford Championship were racing with our friends the Jaguar Car Club on the next day. We felt we could pay a small tribute to Neil, who did so well the last time the Irish Formula Ford Championship raced at Pembrey, and the lads could have a warm up race. (As we are a small club we were not able to organize a championship meeting ourselves). It was an excellent race, and the eventual winner, Alan Dwyer crossed the line only .32 of a second in front of the 2nd place-man Alan Ring!

Throughout the day we were being observed by the MSA, (the governing in the UK) as we wanted to be upgraded to run championship meetings. Happily they were impressed and we can now look forward to organizing a full championship race meeting in 2002. This has been one of our long cherished goals and I have no doubt that the Neil Shanahan Trophy race played its' part in helping to achieve it!

We have already contacted the Irish Championship organisers and we hope they will be able to come and race with us next year. If so, and with enough time to plan things properly, we would like to arrange another trophy race, and perhaps you will be able to join us as guests of honour.

I will keep you informed as time passes.

Yours faithfully

Robert Allender (Sec)

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