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Dear members,

following our superb run around Pembrey in July and the subsequent meeting much has happened although we are still unable to run our own competitions. Briefly, the site now contains permanent facilities for Rally X, grass track and motor cycle road racing. The licences for them were easily granted and the course laid out for modest sums. We had a meeting with the site owners in September and they assured us that their prime concern was to attract spectators and therefore they want to get us racing at Pembrey as soon as possible. To that end they are submitting plans to spend considerable sums on building us a circuit. Other plans exist and outside events may have a bearing but for the meantime the exact starting and completion dates will depend on those who control the purse strings. We were specifically asked to await developments without further comments as this might jeopardise the project. Of course there is no other practical course to take at this time and therefore we await developments.

Most of you will already know that Barry Reece, who was elected Chairman at that July meeting, and Ken Davies of Swansea were involved in an accident at Castle Combe recently. "Get well" cards were sent to both of them, on your behalf, and happily Ken left hospital early on. Barry's condition was serious but he is on the way to a recovery and has been transferred to Cardiff Royal Infirmary where he will have a lengthy convalescence. Following a suggestion from Ken Harvey and bearing in mind that Barry would no doubt like to have plenty to read during the next few weeks, you are invited to subscribe together and buy him a suitable gift i.e. Autocourse. A suitable sum would be £3.00 or a fiver per person.

On Dec 6th, yet another public enquiry will hear complaints about the noise levels at Castle Combe circuit. As Combe is vital to all W.R.D.A members you should all take the time to write to the D of E, Room I20I, Tollgate House, Houlton Street, Bristol, BS2 9DJ and quote case number S408/A/83/B248. The best form would be to say how much you depend on Castle Combe as your local circuit and point out that your

...ing car is silenced according to the RAC regulations which are always strictly enforced at all times during Castle Combe meetings. Following the article in Motoring News which prompted this, the committee has sent a letter on your behalf but don't forget to send your own letter, plus a copy to the circuit.

This year we have had the chance to help our member Tim Davies by putting his exploits in the Limelight and hopefully he'll get a change to continue next year in Formula 3.

According to letters received there is some interest in running coach or mini bus trips to the far flung circuits to view some action in 1984 and depending on what happens next year the idea might be given a try. At least Ten paying passengers are needed and if they all sign up to do at least 10 trips then the cost could be as low as £7.50 each per trip, including free B&B at two meetings. The Itinerary would be centered upon the U.K rounds of the Euro F2 series, the Grand Prix, and various rounds of the Trimoco and F.3 championships, basically one a month from late March to late October. Non members would be welcome and, subject to enough interest, a meeting will be held to thrash out the details, i.e points of departure, children ect. Please let us know if you are interested or can recommend someone who might be.

Yours Sincerely

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