

Blasto Nota Fang Sports Racing Car



Background

The Blasto Nota Fang Sports Racing Car is a development of a road car purchased in March 2000 from Stephen Normoyle, in Sydney N.S.W. Nota Engineering in Sydney built the car in 1971, being one of 107 Nota Fang's produced between 1968 and 1972.

Preparing for Racing

The race car build program was conducted under the supervision of Ian Whitehouse. Graham Brennan and Wayne McGinn were responsible for the numerous chassis and body repairs. Wayne's expert welding has produced a chassis which is first class. For a fibreglass body nearing 30 years of age, Graham has performed miracles to restore the original components. Bob Whitehouse has taken on the tasks of graphic and colour design to provide a vehicle with great trackside appeal and eye catching sponsorship platforms.

Eligibility

Currently the vehicle has a CAMS 2b Marque Sportscar logbook. Preparation is under way to enable the car to comply as an Sc Historic category car.

Specifications

The Nota runs a Mini Cooper S 1275 and close ratio gearbox, mounted in the rear of the car. The original Mini subframe is utilised, albeit in rather modified form, and the rear suspension utilises the rubber cones straight from a Mini. Front suspension is fully adjustable, unequal length double wishbones and coil over shock absorbers.

Engine Detail

The engine has been developed to a compromise level allowing for good performance and reliability. The engine is 30 thou over bored which gives a capacity of 1300cc. Offset rockers and a race camshaft, of Kent manufacture is utilised. The compression ratio is 12.5:1. A Weber 45DCOE carburetor is used along with a modified set of long centre branch extractors.

Brakes

The braking is standard Nota, being disc all round. The car has a mechanical brake bias adjuster installed to reduce the tendency for the Nota to lock rear wheels.

Wheels & Tyres

The Nota currently runs on Formula Ford tyres, although slicks are permitted as a Marque Sportscar. Road tyres applicable to the Historic category will be used when the car is entered in Historic events. Performance replica Minilite rims are used with 13"x6" front and 13"x7" rear.

Performance to Date

David Whitehouse has driven the car in the initial 3 race meetings. The car has lapped Lakeside in 63.1 seconds and the "B" circuit at Willowbank at 65.1 seconds. Top speed with the present gearing is in the vicinity of 210Km/h, or 130Mp/h.

Future Plans

The car will compete in the 7 rounds of the Queensland Sportscar series for season 2001. Optimism within the Blasto Team, abounds and bets are being placed that the car will manage 61 seconds around Lakeside with some more homework.

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