

# CADETS — A NEW START

Despite more than a year of exhaustive work, many committee meetings, consultations, the production and circulation of a 'Green Paper', and investigatory trips overseas, the introduction of the new Cadet class went off with a whimper instead of a roar in terms of advance notice to those already in the sport and thus the people responsible for staging events and building the equipment. We can only hope word travelled around the grapevine that the launch was due to be on BBC TV's 'Saturday Superstore' on the 7th March.

The filming was scheduled to take place at a sports complex near Wigan pier with the action going out live. Invitations were sent to all manufacturers who are RAC registered kart traders to bring along a kart and suitable driver(s). Some firms claimed not to have received the relevant paperwork whilst at least one had decided not to give the project any active support. Promising negotiations are underway for TV AM coverage on the class for screening about the 21st March.

In an effort not to spread the Cadet drivers over too many race meetings, there is to be a ration system. Clubs have been sent a form asking them to register their support for the class and to propose dates as to when they could include it in their events. The RAC will then decide which venue can run the class on that particular weekend so that there are no clashes within the U.K. each weekend.

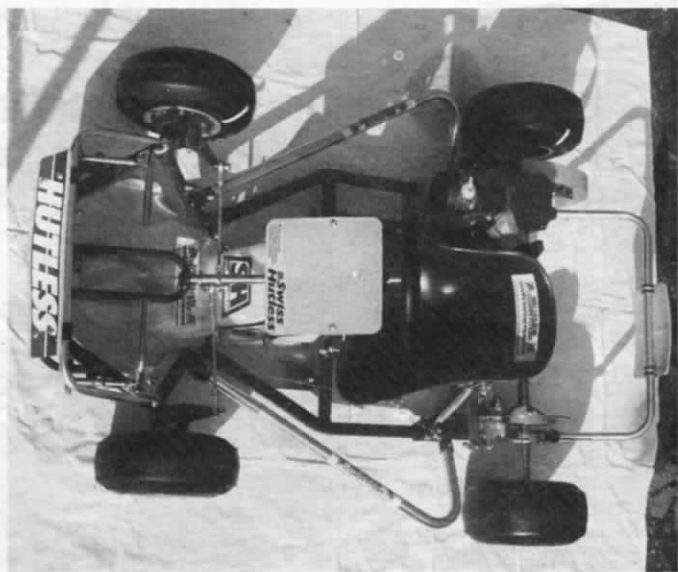
Now to a brief overview of the class, and first let us remind you that it has absolutely no connection with the previous category of the same name. A kart manufacturer has to be registered as a kart business with the RAC and he may register only one model of Cadet chassis per year. The frame has a wheelbase of 900mm to suit youngsters, has to be of 1.125" or 28mm tubing, have a solid and magnetic (ie steel and not aluminium etc.) 25mm axle, mechanical disc brake, two-piece wheels.

Two gearings (as yet unannounced), will be standardised with one being nominated for each track. The tyres must be a special long life version of Vega SLs and the engine a 60cc Comer with recoil starter and centrifugal clutch. Minimum total weight of kart, engine and driver is 85kgs (about 187lbs). A complete outfit of kart plus engine must sell for a maximum of £670 + VAT. Drivers must be between their 8th and the end of the year in which they had their 11th birthday.



Above & below, Dartford Karting's Dart Cadet that sells well below the RAC maximum because VAT'S included in the £670 price

Tabor supplied this illustration of the DAP Cadet that they ▼ market.



The Cadet from Swiss Hutless via Red Dragon Competitions has chrome-► tubing, 2 bearing axle, die cast alloy axle components, adjustable seat supports. The bumpers, nerf bars & steering column are chrome-plated.