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Dear Competitor

We prepare for the start of another season, this year, from our new offices within the Silverstone circuit. As I write this first update for the year I can tell you the resurfacing work on the Silverstone circuit is making good progress and should be ready in good time for the start of testing.

Whilst we do not have a Championship or Series celebrating a major anniversary this year there are still some notable landmarks in which we are involved. We start with the tragic anniversary of Jim Clark's untimely death 50 Years ago. Our Historic Formula 2 FIA International Series will be taking part in the race meeting that celebrates Jim's life, the Jim Clark Revival on 21st – 22nd April at Hockenheim.

On a happier note other 50th Anniversary events in which the club will be involved are the Thruxton 50th Anniversary Celebration and Mondello Park Historic Racing Festival. At Thruxton we have races for our Guards Trophy, Historic Formula Ford, Super Tourers, and an up to 2 litre Single seater race invited groups being HF2, Formula Atlantic, FF2000, Classic Formula 3 and Classic Racing Cars F2 and Formula B Libre Classes. Our Derek Bell Trophy Series is going to Mondello Park with the possibility of another group joining them for what will be a great party.

Historic Formula Junior start the final leg of their Diamond Jubilee World Tour celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the original Formula. This three year celebration has taken them to South Africa, Australia New Zealand, North America and Canada. This final year of celebrations started at the Autosport Show in January with a gathering of drivers and manufacturers with the guest of honour being, Frederico Gottsche Bebert the Grandson of Count Jonny Lurani who founded the Formula in 1958. The racing for this final leg starts in May with visits to The Donington Historic Festival our Cadwell Park meeting, the Wolds Trophy. In June they move onto the Baltic countries with races at Kaunas (Lithuania) Riga (Latvia) and Karlskoga, (Sweden) all culminating at the Silverstone Classic this year with the prospect of the largest gathering of Formula Juniors ever held.

On a more modest level the club is putting together a one off pair of races on September 23rd at our Brands Hatch Indy Meeting to celebrate 50 years of the Ford Escort. It is early days but interest seems to be good so far. At the Oulton Park Gold Cup we celebrate 50 Years of the Chevron B6- B8 one of company founder, Derek Bennett's most iconic and successful race car designs.

We will continue to run in association with Jaguar Land Rover, the Jaguar Classic Challenge, there will be four races in the series including a return to the Spa Six Hour Meeting in September. As a group the Series competitors have also been invited to take part in a race at the Le Mans Classic in July 6 - 8.

We will again organise the Historic Formula Two FIA sanctioned series of races. For this year we have split the Formula Atlantic into two age classes. The other major change is that we will not have an overall series winner individual class winners at the end of the year. The series commences at Hockenheim in April, goes on to Brands Hatch to be part of the Masters Meeting in May, we host them at our Silverstone International Meeting on the GP circuit in June there will then be a summer break before they return to the continent racing at Zandvoort Historic Grand Prix in September, and Dijon in October.

Pre 80 goes into another season with a three race series in the UK plus an invitation to join our Closed Wheel Grid at the Spa 6 Hour Race Meeting. We will have a new format of two 30 minute sprint races instead of one single race with a pit stop. Early indications suggest, that there are some potential new cars coming to join the series including an opportunity to include some Can Am Cars and IMSA GTP cars.

In 2017 we were invited to take over the administration of the The Super Tourers series which now becomes part of the HSCC family. We will work to improve the series for the benefit of the competitors, whilst retaining the original ethos of its foundations. The calendar is similar to previous years with the addition of Thruxton as mentioned above.

Talking of series additions upon the request of Ken Thorogood, we have now applied for the Universal Racing Services Classic Formula Ford 2000 to become an HSCC series. The group who currently share grids with our Classic Formula 3 and Historic Formula Ford 2000, are hoping to rebuild during the year with a view to a standalone race(s) in the future.

In November we released our calendar which offers a variety of events for our Championships and Series. We will organize 9 of our own race meetings plus the Silverstone Classic and the Walter Hayes Trophy as well as supporting the race meetings mentioned which means another busy season ahead.

We are pleased to confirm that our membership fees remained unchanged and registrations are coming in well. You are reminded that to take part in an HSCC Championship or Series you must be a full racing member of the HSCC and your car should have either a current FIA Historic Technical Passport or an HSCC Vehicle Identity Form whichever is appropriate to the Championship/Series. Please ensure you have this paperwork available at every race meeting. If you require HSCC Vehicle Identity Forms please contact the HSCC office and they will be sent to you via E-mail as a blank word document which you must complete and return prior to your first meeting. The cost of this VIF is £50.

Our website is undergoing some changes and there will be some enhancements. The online entry system is proving popular but if you wish to continue receiving entries through the post we will continue to support a paper system as well.

The club will be supporting the two Historic Motor Sport shows in February starting with the Historic Motorsport International Show at London Excel on 15th – 18th February. Competitors and motorsport professionals can obtain a complimentary ticket by following this link:

<http://www.historicmotorsportinternational.co.uk/tickets/book-now> and click on Register Now.

The following week we return to Race Retro show at Stoneleigh 23rd – 25th February, tickets can be purchased in advance by following the link: www.raceretro.com At both shows we will have a good number of cars loaned by members on show, and HSCC staff members will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Our Clubs AGM and full Board Meeting will take place at Silverstone on Wednesday 28th March, Agenda will be posted later.

Donington Park Saturday 7th April – Sunday 8th April

Our first race meeting of the year will be a two day meeting at Donington Saturday 7th – Sunday 8th April. There will be races for most of the HSCC Championships, including 70s and Historic Road Sports, Historic Touring Cars, Classic Racing Cars, Historic Formula Junior, and Classic Clubmans. Guards Trophy will have a feature one Hour Race, Historic Formula Fords, Classic Formula 3 with URS, Historic Formula 3, and Historic Formula Ford 2000 will all have double header races. Entry forms are published, posted and online. Testing is available on Thursday 5th April go to <http://www.donington-park.co.uk/testing.aspx> to book and view other available dates, Unfortunately, there is track day on Friday 6th April so paddock access for our competitors will be a bit restricted. Details of paddock access and signing on will follow in due course.

Snetterton 200 Saturday 21st April

We follow Donington Park with a one day meeting for our Closed Wheel grids at Snetterton on the 200 circuit on Saturday 21st April. The feature will be a one Hour Guards Trophy Race with 20 minute double headers for both Road Sports Championships, Historic Touring Cars and Classic Clubmans. The format proved popular with our single seater championships in 2017 so we are hoping for good support from our closed wheel grids this year.

Hockenheim Germany Saturday 21st – Sunday 22nd April Jim Clark Revival

The opening rounds of the Historic Formula 2 FIA International Series take place at the Jim Clark Revival Meeting. There will be 20 minutes of free testing, plus 20 minute qualifying and two 20 minute races. FIA Lurani Trophy for Historic Formula Juniors are also at the event.

Silverstone GP Circuit Wednesday 2nd May Silverstone Classic Media Test Day

The Silverstone Classic media press day is on Wednesday 2nd May for those who are entered and racing in any of the races for the Classic on 20 -22 July. This day is free of charge. There will also be an opportunity to test prior to the event on Thursday 27th July, entry forms are available on www.hsc.org.uk—details at www.silverstoneclassic.com

Donington Park Friday 4th – Sunday 6th May Donington Historic Festival

The Donington Historic Festival has a new race organizer in MSVR, whilst Historic Promotions remain the event promoters. We will have three grids taking part in the event. Double Headers for The Derek Bell Trophy, Super Tourers and Jaguar Classic Challenge will have a 40 Minute Race. Historic Formula Junior will have two double header races at the event as well. For full details go to www.doningtonhistoric.com

Cadwell Park Saturday 19th – Sunday 20th May The Wolds Trophy

Our Cadwell Park fixture has moved forward a month but the pretty Lincolnshire circuit should be in full bloom to welcome our collection of races. The programme once again will be all double headers, with races for Historic Road Sports, 70s Road Sports, Historic Touring Cars, Historic Formula Ford, Classic Racing Cars, Formula Ford 2000, and Classic Clubmans. Historic Formula 3 will once again compete for the Justin Haler Trophy, and the Rear Engine Historic Formula Junior will compete for the Barry Westmoreland Trophy. This meeting is also part of the Historic Formula Junior World Tour, so expect to see some different faces enjoying the complexities of this delightful circuit for the first time. There will also be double header races for the Lackford Engineering Midget and Sprite Challenge.

Brands Hatch Saturday 25th May – Sunday 26th May Masters Historic Race Meeting

HSCC Historic Formula 2 FIA International Race Series, makes its first visit to the UK with qualifying and two races on the Brands Hatch GP circuit as part of the Masters Historic Race Meeting. Included in the programme will be the full range of Masters Championships and Series including the FIA Historic Formula One Championship and the FIA Historic Sports Car Championship

Charade 25th – 27th May

Better known as Clermont Ferrand, this former home to the French Grand Prix is a Classic Track. Set in the Auvergne this is a stunning location to go racing. The Historic Formula Ford 2000 along with the URS Classic Formula Ford 2000 have an invitation to take part in a double header race at the event organized by HVM.

That's all for now and look forward to seeing many of you during the season.

Grahame White
CEO HSCC