



Historic Formula Ford Newsletter



Sponsors of the 2019 HSCC Historic Formula Ford 1600cc Championship Races for pre-1972 Cars.

Donington March 30th. Season Opener.

To old and new entrants alike - welcome, we hope we continue with some great, fair and exciting racing like we have enjoyed in the past.



Points for The Radio Caroline Over50 Championship will be one of our big features again this year as well as our Main Carless/Championship points.

We will also be hosting and trialling a parallel championship run by Merlyn driver Ross Dryborough and his company, the Worthing Implant Centre. Please see separate details and register with him before 14th March.



WORTHING IMPLANT CENTRE



We welcome new drivers; first HFF race for these boys so look after them please you guys. London-based Kit Lawson in a Lotus 31 ex-Jim Russell School car of the early 1960's. He was a Locost racer 15 years ago. His car's last outing was 44 years ago in 1974 and may be the oldest Formula Ford car racing with us.

Stephen Mansell is another ex-Caterham Series racer joining us from West Sussex settling himself in a Macon. We hope you enjoy our little series.

Some future drivers joining us called in to say hello at the Retro Show... David Lawrence from Cheshire with a Caldwell.

Castle Combe series winner Alan Slater with a 1969 Nike Mk4.

Also, Lester Smout and Chris Wright have a Merlyn they are Sprint & Hillclimbing and will join us at some point.

Dave Rennie who last raced in 1974 in an ex-Jim Russell car (coincidentally & possibly in Kit Lawson's car mentioned above!) is coming back after 44 years.

Lastly, Rae Davis doesn't have a car but wants a Beattie Formula Ford, any condition considered, 07801 631854.



Appeal.

Although young Max Bartell is racing elsewhere this weekend, as many of you will know, we lost his Dad, Bruce, from our paddocks after losing his fight with cancer a couple of years ago and young Max is doing something about it, will you? From him;

Dear HFF,

Trust this finds you well.

I am in full swing of training for the London Marathon and one of the charities I am Raising money for is AMMF, who research causes, methods of diagnosis and treatments for the cancer Bruce suffered from.

Here's a link to my fundraising page.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/Alesco>

Many thanks, Max



Important Housekeeping.

One or two things have been set up for this season with the aim of keeping the standards of racing our ancient cars as high as possible. Read about them below.

Two important items we have put in place are two delegated Clerks overseeing our races and all drivers are to go to Parc Ferme after Qualifying and Races throughout the season.

Here they are in detail. Please read.

At the drivers' meeting at Silverstone in October drivers were saying "yes HFF standards have been good in 2018, but we ought to push to make them even better". In particular there was a strong view that they would like marshals and clerks to be stronger in enforcing yellow flags.

After subsequent discussion in the club the following processes will apply for 2019;

1. The basis for all driving standards improvements is adherence to and enforcement of Motorsport UK regulations. HFF is fully committed to this. To help with this process we want all drivers to know that we are taking steps to assist the clerks in their work.
2. Our HFF Officials will brief the senior clerk on our drivers' desire to see stronger enforcement on yellow flags and driving standards.
3. For 2019 HFF will have the nominated support of two clerks, Ian Danaher and John Hopkinson who will work closely alongside our officials.
4. It is agreed that through the season the clerks will keep a spreadsheet record of every single incident. These records will be discussed with us and they will be looking for trends and whether there are drivers whose names pop up frequently. Where we and the clerks see fit, drivers will go on a watch list. The drivers concerned will be informed and at subsequent race meetings Observers will be briefed to pay special attention and report on their on track activity.
5. In 2019 the clerks will have the right to demand that in-car footage be handed over in Parc ferme and used in their deliberations.
6. The clerks will penalise infringements. There will however be 'marginal' incidents that do not justify a formal penalty. In the interest of improving standards it is agreed that HFF wants the clerks to invite drivers in these incidents to race control to discuss their role. These discussions will be logged.
7. Over and above M.UK regulations, regular involvement in race incidents will lead to an interview with the club CEO. Drivers should be aware that the HSCC retains the right to withdraw club membership.

All the above will hopefully be invisible to the vast majority of drivers but we hope that with greater scrutiny and feedback we can further improve standards in 2019.

Parc Ferme. Go there. Do not stop.

On advice of our Motorsport UK Championship tech delegate Nigel Jones we have added the following inclusion to our regs to allow for the smooth and fair processing of his job in technical governance.

Supplementary Regulations Amendments

At the end of a qualifying session ALL cars must go to Parc Ferme, no cars are permitted to stop in the pit lane for any reason unless permitted to do so by the eligibility scrutineer. Any car that enters the pit lane during qualifying with the intention not to continue must go straight to parc ferme without stopping. Any car seen to stop without permission will be reported to the clerk of the course. Any car

that is not presented in parc Ferme will be reported to the clerk of the course for consideration under C3.2.

In the event of a red flag the following will apply; Work on cars already in the Pits must cease when a race or qualifying session is stopped. Cars are under Parc Ferme conditions until released by the eligibility scrutineer under direction from the clerk of the course. Work on cars for safety reasons may be carried out under supervision of a scrutineer only when permitted to do so.

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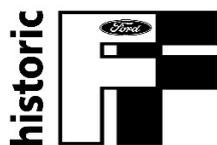
Championship Technical Delegate

In the scrutines hut...

Things to watch out for this year (as with all other years) are weight and ride height checks which are always top of the list, Ferrous material where stated in the regs, Diffs and engine compliances.

We hope the above measures will be a satisfactory method of keeping check on our brilliant 'level playing field' formula for racing.

Full Regs are attached.



Donington; Our sponsors, **Vital Equipment Ltd.** will be on hand in the paddock with their *Motorsport UK/HSCC/HFF* - approved Carless Racing Fuels to suit your car. They will have a stock of their line of Helmets, HANS devices and Race Suits and more. All discounted (to us). They are offering a Paddock fitting/advice service for HANS purchasers by trained personnel. For their range, yertiz... <https://www.vitalequipment.co.uk/>

Radio Caroline supports the 2019 HSCC Historic Formula Ford Over50 Championship Series.

Information is broadcast on our events and sponsor on a regular basis.

Their 52-year history is a long story, just like ours. They send out Multiple Internet streams for different levels of listening mobile devices such as smart phones and tablets create 10,000 hours of listening per day in the UK and abroad.

Approx 4 million people are covered, Caroline's website has 50,000 unique visits a month, and our race reports are included. Radio Caroline broadcasts on the former BBC World Service medium wave frequency of 648 kHz,

Their first jingle of the year is attached.



Latest Calendar.

Owing to tight timing due to imposed programming limitations at various circuits there has been a Board-level re-organisation of our races. Our 'Heats & Finals' format has had to be drastically re-scheduled. Subject to any further changes this is likely to be our HSCC Historic Formula Ford Race programme for 2019.



30th March Donington Park Season Opener. 1 day meet. Qualifying 15 mins and 1 Race of 20 mins. 32 – car grid. One of the world's most beautiful and flowing of circuits. Entries now open. We are 29 as of March 5th.



Classic Formula Ford

INVITE. 22nd April sees Castle Combe's 50th Anniversary and Formula Ford 'Jamboree' on Easter Monday. The Classic FF boys are a feature and invite any HFF Entrants wishing to join their 2 race, 34 – car grid and should contact CFF Rep andrewsmith49@hotmail.co.uk. See more info below.



18th-19th May Silverstone (Grand Prix Circuit), Sponsored by SpeedSport Art Gallery. Saturday Qualifying 20 mins & Race 1. Sunday Race 2 – both races are 20 mins each. Rolling starts 54 cars Total per race.



1st June Snetterton. One of the best FF racing circuits. A one day meeting where we will have a 15 minute Qualifying session and two 20 minute Races. 32 car grid.



15 – 16th June Cadwell Park. 2 day 'Wolds Trophy'. Lincolnshire's 'Little Nurburgring.' Heat & Final each day. Saturday A & B Qualifying 15 mins each for A & B races. Sunday A & B Race. All races are 20 mins. 26 per grid. 52 cars eligible. A live band and BBQ is planned.



29th-30th June Brands Hatch 'Legends' SuperPrix. Grand Prix Circuit. The Best. Sponsored by Worthing Implant Centre. Saturday Qualifying 15 mins and Race 1. Sunday Race 2, both races are 20 mins each 38 cars each grid.



13th-14th July Anglesey. Tom Pryce Commemoration Meeting. A departure from our normal bill, two races with a 34 – car grid each. Asked for, and new for many, the Circuit will be putting on a good show for us – so it will be worth the journey. Saturday Qualifying 15 mins and Race 1. Sunday Race 2 – both races are 20 mins each



3rd- 4th August Croft 'Nostalgia'. ONE day meet for us...32 car grid. Qualifying 15 mins and two Race 20 mins each on Sunday.



24th-25th-26th August Oulton Park Gold Cup. ONE day meet for us. Qualifying 15 mins, and two races on Monday – both races are 20 mins each. 34 car grid.



21st September Brands Indy. One day event. Important for Championship points, great racing, apologies for the M25 in advance...15 minute Qualifying session then two 15 minutes races. 30 cars Total.

INVITE 5th October Castle Combe. Special Invitation to HFF at their BIG Autumn Classic; An HFF Trophy (non-Championship Round) Race celebrating their 50th year racing Formula Fords. One race of 20 mins 34 - car grid, one day meet.

The event attracts an attendance of over 12,000 people to this historic race meeting and classic car show. Information regarding the event can be found here www.autumnclassic.co.uk



19th-20th October Silverstone National Circuit HSCC Finals. Saturday Qualifying 12 mins & Race 1, Sunday Race 2 – both races are 15 mins each. 36 cars.

Note; Qualifying allowance; most circuits allow 10% extra. Non - Q; Entry fees returned less £25.

For 2020, in line with drivers requests we will be asking for an evenly-programmed eight-race calendar and, subject to discounted ferry deals and/or entry costs may have a Dutch outing as part of our Championship. Additionally, an inclusion at the Brands Hatch Formula Ford Festival has been requested.

Special Invitations for 2019.

7th – 9th June Zandvoort Marcel Albers Memorial Trophy for pre-82 FF cars. Fixed Head Restraint required. Register directly on www.circuitzandvoort.nl/mamt

(Invitation race this year but watch this space for a full Champ outing in 2020).

Free Invite to anyone in the HFF to go and show their cars.

Easter Monday race meeting 50th anniversary FF jamboree. Castle Combe. April 22nd.

'Half a century of Castle Combe's circuit-based Formula Ford 1600 championship will be celebrated at the circuit's opening race meeting

There will be an invitation and free circuit entry offered to all Formula Fords to take part in a static display. There will also be a VIP Lounge for past Formula Ford champions and race competitors in the Strawford Centre. In addition, all former Castle Combe Formula Ford champions will be invited to take part in a lunchtime photo call on the grid. The race meeting will feature a bumper collectors' programme, full of exciting FF history, images and memories.'

For those wishing to take part in the static display watch Castle Combe's website for details.
<https://castlecombecircuit.co.uk/race-days/howard-s-day-race-day/22/4/2019/>

Yet another invite! Just in... David Leslie Trophy meeting. Knockhill July 20/21

2019 marks 50 years of Scottish Formula Ford and the July meeting will see the annual running of the David Leslie Trophy. As it's the 50 year milestone at the circuit and a real celebration of Formula Ford - we're aiming to get some Formula Fords of note along such as Allan McNish's and David Coulthard's old cars for display, as well as attracting previous champions to come out and race in both new and old machinery.

Non members rate is £395 for qualifying and three 12 lap races. In addition, there will be testing available on Saturday morning. This will be booked via the circuit directly and will be priced at around £85 for 3 x 15 minute sessions. Formula Ford will also have a grid walk at this meeting on the Sunday afternoon.

We'd really love to welcome your drivers along to this meeting.

Best regards, Rory Bryant
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