

Good afternoon Guards Racers.

Many thanks to all of you who made the trek to Croft two weeks ago. It really was not that far up the A1, even one racer from Bournemouth (!) and there was no traffic at crack of dawn on Sunday when we drove up.

We had a total of 22 cars, the same as 2018; 10 GT's and 11 SR and one Invitation.

Great to see some of our friends from up North come and join us, thanks very much. What about coming to Oulton next week? It's never too late to enter and I am sure Alan will always squeeze a few more entries in.

Yet another different class car on pole, SRE this time. Variety really is the spice of Guards Trophy life.

My most sincere apologies for the oil slick in qualifying. If it ain't bust, don't fix it; will I ever learn?

It sounds as though the race was good, well done to the Lotus 23 brigade, Benn Tilley has the honour of two Guards wins this year, Croft and Cadwell, maybe it's a good job for the rest of us there are not any more races at circuits beginning with a C!

I had one comment with regard to pit stop duration; so I have been in touch with TSL the timing people and they will now provide us with a pit stop duration data sheet with the final results. This data is an elapsed time from pit lane entry to pit lane exit, inclusive of the one minute stop; so we can all see the details of every car.

There is a Guards drivers' briefing at 1300hrs on Monday at Oulton to clarify the procedure, so hopefully we can all live with the proposals.

As ever, any comments before or after will be welcome, particularly as there is an HSCC Board meeting on the Thursday after Oulton and I know the pit stop stuff will come up. At that meeting it would be good if I could have any comments re. the calendar discussions for 2020; if you are happy with the status quo that is fine, otherwise, please get in touch.

After Oulton, we have the Spa 6 Hours Closed Wheel races, currently the grid is about half full, 65 spaces on the grid, let's see if we can get a good gang of Guardsmen at the best track in the Northern hemisphere. Then it is Silverstone Finals time, how time flies, almost another complete season is upon us.

As before, if any of you have any comments or suggestions as to how we can do better or different; get more cars on the grid; any pros or cons; anything; please do not hesitate to give me a call or email.

I look forward to seeing you at Oulton then Spa and Silverstone.

All the best, Hugh Colman.

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