

There was a small computer (read Dixon) glitch with the newsletter sent out on Friday. Apologies.

Please see Over50 report below and don't forget.....

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

The event is in its 7th year and 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

Entries are now in for our Special Invitation race at the Castle Combe Autumn Classic. Their special invitation race is celebrating the first year of Formula Ford Races at their circuit 50 years ago.

Two of our cars have a particular place in the proceedings, one is the early FF Lotus 31 of Kit Lawson, and the other is the 1969 Brabham 21 of Martin Grant Peterkin which set the first lap record. Son, Michael, (leading, below) is driving the same car at this year's Combe meeting. Ex Champ Nelson Rowe is back joining the grid for a warm-up for our 2020 season.



The Radio Caroline O50 Trophy Championship is held at 333 points for Rob Smith, Ted Pearson is on 299 Brian Morris holds 209 with Kevin Stanzl at 126 and Clive Richards on 125. With 50 points to go things are hot to trot!

Review: The Over 50s Championship

Tremendous support, superb competition and a title race going down to the wire are the key elements of the Over 50s section.

In the 17 races run across nine race meetings to date, a remarkable total of 40 drivers have scored points in the Over 50s from a grand total of 66 in the championship. Regularly, Over 50s racers have accounted for more than half of the grid.

Sitting proudly at the top of the points with two races left to run at the Silverstone Finals meeting in October is Rob Smith, who has enjoyed a fine season to date in his Wainwright-run Merlyn Mk20. Rob has been a model of pace and consistency and is the only driver to have scored points in all 17 races to date. He has won seven times including double victories at Silverstone, Cadwell Park and Croft and added a further six podiums to his tally.

The big rival to him is Ted in his Merlyn Mk11/17 from the Grant team. Two non-finishes, at Snetterton and Cadwell Park, are countered by three wins and eight second places and his points' tally is currently 299 to Smith's 333. However, it's not that simple as drivers discard their four worst scores for the end of season total and while Rob currently has to drop 22, Ted has zero to drop at this point. That changes the totals to Rob on 311 and Ted still on 299.

If both drivers score well at Silverstone, Rob has two 14s to drop while Ted has two 16s, so Rob effectively has another four points in hand. What is certain is that it is too close to call and the contest between these evenly-matched drivers is likely to run all the way to the end of the final race of the season.

Of course, this is going to be far from a two-horse race at Silverstone and a gaggle of other rapid drivers will be chasing category victory rather than thinking about points. Brian Morris (Lola T200) has taken 10 podiums and is assured of third in the championship, while fourth place is the subject of a three-way battle between the Merlyn Mk20s of Kevin Stanzl, Tim Brise and Clive Richards.

Tim has missed a couple of the long haul races while Clive has only contested three weekends to date. He was unbeaten over his first four races before a spin at Brands last time out cost him his perfect score. Clive, running alongside Brian in the Neil Fowler team, is the driver most likely to head Smith and Pearson at Silverstone.

Rounding out the championship top 10 are Swiss visitor Gislain Genecand (a double winner at Anglesey), the consistent Nigel Adams (Lotus 61), Anthony Ross (Lola T204) and the well-travelled Louis Hanjoul (Elden Mk8). Paul Lawrence

Silverstone Finals

A **Drivers Meeting** will be held, any issues and candidates for positions etc will be discussed at the Silverstone Finals meeting. A report and all issues requiring a vote will be emailed to all registered drivers after the meeting. Results will be issued 2-3 weeks post-vote.

If you can't make it and have an issue to be discussed in your absence please send it to me at historicff@gmail.com thanks.

End of term PARTY! We'll be having Soup & Savouries with our Finals Presentations on Sunday, come along, all welcome.

Dick Dixon HFF Championship Org.



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Finally, a message from our missing Belgian Louis Hanjoul. After getting out of bed too quickly recently a hamstring let go.

'BUT' he says 'I'll be back next year but faster'... I think he's planning on not removing his foot aid (subject to FIA sanction)...nothing in the regs says he can't!



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