



Historic Formula Ford Newsletter



March 2020. We are pleased to announce a new sponsor; *The Classic Race Car Simulators* HFF Championship in association with Avon Tyres promoted by Radio Caroline



I am pleased to announce that *Classic Race Simulators*, the Farnborough Company making bespoke Race Car Simulators have taken over from Vital Equipment/Carless Race Fuels as the title sponsor for our 2020 16-round Championship this season. In addition, Classic Race Simulators will have a presence in the paddock at every meeting, offering drivers the opportunity to gain additional practice and have fun between sessions.

Classic Race Simulators' Managing Director, Jim Hill: "Classic race cars are our passion so to become involved in such a prestigious UK championship is a pleasure. We look forward to supporting the drivers with "state of the art" simulation equipment in the paddock to improve both safety and enjoyment on track."

About Classic Race Simulators: they say,

"Based in Farnborough, just an hour from central London, we have combined the love of classic race cars with our race simulation knowledge to produce beautiful simulators since 2013. From a Cockpit to a full-size race car or kart we can build a bespoke tribute simulator from scratch or adapt a current design using our experienced craftsmen. We will share our knowledge to steer you around the choices and supply and fit all systems, so they work together on installation."



CLASSIC

RACE SIMULATORS

Free Practice!! A new innovation in our area of the paddock will be some 'Historic' Simulators free to use by our drivers courtesy of our new sponsor and, I'm told "They have motion, force feedback, wind simulation (!?) and are equipped with "state of the art" Virtual Reality equipment. One of the sims has been custom built for a UK classic racer who wants to practice the circuits in advance of races" so they may be dialled in to each meeting's circuit. Bit of fun eh? Free to us, the facilities are for hire to anyone with sponsors and guests to impress.

Making history (again).... Website bookings are open for our first race of the season; it's a revival of the first Formula Ford Fest in 1972 when our cars were still pretty new and we're still proving a lasting formula...

To celebrate we're still going strong, classes of Classic, Heritage, and the newer 'Champion of Brands' Formula Fords will join us in the paddock. Our 'elder Ford-engined brothers' - Formula Junior - will also be there to complete the scene of 48 years ago. I've been told that Snetterton marshals are really looking forward to seeing us.

HSCC Blurb...'The weekend will honour the life of racer and race school pioneer Jim Russell, who died in March 2019, as well as featuring 10 Formula Ford races to mark the early heritage of the Formula Ford Festival. Before moving to Brands Hatch in 1976, the first four Festivals were run at Snetterton from 1972 to 1975'.

Everyone be on their **best behaviour** for the event please, *Motor Sport Magazine* journo's will be covering our part of the proceedings with a 2 or 3-page item. Anyone new, please make sure you've read our 'Driving Standards' item on our website then we can show just how good Historic FF racing are - especially to readers of the world's leading Race Mag.



4 - 5 Apr HSCC HFF, CFF & Heritage FF. Snetterton 300 circuit. 38 cars per grid. HFF 'A' race format single race on both days plus possible race for Formula Ford Champion of Snetterton Race. Party, live band we hope, etc.

AND Next...

16 - 17 May HSCC HFF & CFF Silverstone 'International Trophy' Grand Prix Circuit Meeting 'A' race format single race on both days. 54 car grid rolling start. CFF; 2 Races over 2 days Joint CFF & HFF Chili night party.

And then...

6 - 7 June HSCC HFF & CFF Donington Park. HFF 'A' race format ie this is a single race per day. 32 cars per grid. CFF; 2 Races over 2 days. A circuit with grace and speed.

Also, let me know soon please;- If you can give me an honest 'yes' to going to;

Ireland's Mondello Park. HFF Non-Championship Invitation at the Dublin Grand Prix on the 15th - 16th August. If you intend to enter (12 so far), please let me know on historicff@gmail.com in the next 2-3 of weeks, if there's a good response we'll make it a date. Discounted Ferry fare has been negotiated at £220 rtn for camper and trailer and entry is approx. £275.

Our BIG brother F5000's will be there in strength (with some coming over from New Zealand) along with our Classic Clubmans to enjoy the craic and Guinness. For those with free time Oulton Park meeting 2 weeks later may be a good time to come back for?

If you don't want to do Oulton Park an invite from Kirkistown Race Circuit 500 Club in their FF1600 race on the same date as the Gold Cup has been received along with a visit to Crossle (from owner & ex HFF racer Paul Mc Morran). The invite includes circuit test day plus car storage & camper facilities during your stay.

All our Driving Standards and Technical Officials are in place for this new year and looking forward to watching some great fair battles on the track.



You may or not be aware that our former Sponsors Carless Fuels have transferred their support to HSCC Thundersports. It is not because they have fallen out with you. The success of the Thundersports series particularly at the it is an opportunity for them to extend their marketing into a new area.

However they have confirmed they will be continuing at each event to supply **Carless Race Fuels (to legal hi-spec) arriving by 9am every Friday** for those who delight in the black art of testing... <https://www.vitalequipment.co.uk/>

They will also have their useful race shop within the paddock supplying helmets, harnesses, race overalls and other goodies. At selected events they will also be supplying the HSCC Hospitality.

New Boys. There'll be a younger-looking group of drivers in our paddock this year with three 17-year olds joining us and one Classic FF 16-year-old occasionally entering ours.

Luckily, to balance this up 2 or 3 more mature drivers will be out with us. Some brand new and some from other formulas. We'll welcome them at our meetings as when they do. Look out for them and **give them all the help you can guys... you were new once...**

Old boys..



Our Over 50's Champ Trophy promoters Radio Caroline (who's similar Iconic start in life was in the 1960's) also confirm their involvement with us and will be pushing out our advert 'jingles' in the weeks before each meeting. Have a chat and be nice to their ticket prize winners wandering the paddock please. **Ted Pearson** will be in charge of results, look out for his points tables and reports.



WORTHING IMPLANT CENTRE

Our Worthing Implant Centre Class Awards will be operating and Ross will be sending out a request of what class you think you should be in. See info below.



Avon (via BMTR Tyres) also confirm their love for our formula with sets of tyres prize draws during the season. These we sell at half-price toward our hospitality fund.

Paddock Hospitality. Important.

David Alderson...our happy moustachioed trailer-trucker who gives his time for free for the sheer enjoyment of seeing we are in comfort and having a good time, is able to bring our **hospitality trailer** to most events. There are some he can't do and we hope to overcome the logistics of getting it from Silverstone as we meet them. If you can help, let me know. **Thank him when he can attend and give a hand to set up and knock down our mini marquees when needed PLEASE? That's not his job. Especially if you are young and fit...**

Technology...

The HSCC office will be endeavouring to go 'paper-free' with race results this year, so if you're not connected you might think of figuring how to... this is going to hit me hard...



"Is this a bad time to talk about global warming?"

More Future Technology; With the anti-fossil pressures entering the horizon of Historic Racing there is an opportunity now to plan ahead. If you are interested in the subject of alternative fuels and/or power units and in being part of a **Think Tank** to guide our future let me know on historicff@gmail.com



WORTHING IMPLANT CENTRE

HFF Competitors Class system. For those new to us here's the lowdown.

The system of Classes in our race series was proposed by some of our drivers and trialled in 2019 as an unofficial 'Ghost' Championship for the year. Organised brilliantly by our Ross Drybrough and sponsored under his Worthing Implant Centre Banner. If you are in need of a better smile see him...

Our HFF grid has effectively two overlapping races within one race. The overall Championship and the Radio Caroline-promoted over-50's. We are very lucky to have such strong numbers of competitors.

The over 50's has been a great addition to HFF, but Ross's Class System divides the grid up into a further Class Award system and allowed us to run a parallel HFF Competitors Series alongside the main HFF Championships and within the same races.

The idea comes from clay pigeon shooting competitions, which uses a Class based system.

As we all have basically the same cars, and engines, he has artificially introduced some Classes to allow more 'races' throughout the grid, and keep the competitive

interest up.

1. **FITTIPALDI:** class Drivers- any driver who have won an HFF race in the past. (regardless of when it was.)
2. **HUNT:** class Drivers- any driver who has finished in the top nine in the past season.
3. **SCHECKTER:** class Drivers- any driver who has finished a race 10th -19th in the past season.
4. **SENNA:** class Drivers- Any driver who has finished 20th or lower in the past season.

The **FITTIPALDI** Class were ineligible for the HFF Series overall honours, as they have the HFF Championship which kept them busy.

New drivers go into each class at their own choice and have results assessed over two rounds/races. If they are moved to another Class, they take their points with them. With the Series, it was decided to drop two race results.

At the end of the season, the winner of each Class received an HFF Series Class Winners trophy, and in addition to this, (to involve all of the grid) the highest scoring Class winner from the various Classes, won an overall HFF Competitor Series Cup.

Further information will be forthcoming from Ross with refinements to the points system and discussion.

AND a reminder from CFF Organiser Stuart Kestenbaum; if you would like to race with both the Classic FF and ours you are eligible for a £99 2nd entry deal. Contact the HSCC Office for more details.

Updated information on COVID-19 (corona virus)

As you will be aware, the UK risk level for COVID-19 (corona virus) has been increased from low to moderate. However, the risk to individuals has not changed and remains low. All events are taking place as planned. Motorsport UK are closely monitoring the situation and are liaising with the HSCC on any appropriate measures, based on advice from Public Health England (PHE), NHS England and/or the World Health Organisation (WHO). MSUK have a policy in place that will be put into action should the circumstances arise and the HSCC are in regular contact with them so that if the situation changes and it becomes necessary to share additional information with all attendees and will act immediately.

If a member has returned from one of the areas identified by the government and has any of the symptoms identified on the [government website](#) they should not attend meetings until they have followed the NHS advice provided after calling 111

**If anyone finds that a member has contracted coronavirus, please let the HSCC know immediately.

**If members find that any member with coronavirus has attended should all call 111 to ask for advice

In general members may consider other precautions such as using hand sanitiser gel and reducing physical contact such as shaking hands until further information becomes available

For Sale

Mark Dunham 07876565151 has a fully rebuilt Lotus 61 rolling chassis for sale at £11,000. Newmarket area.

Also.

A long-time and respected racer with us with a history of running the Pre-74 FF Series in the 1980's is selling a car or two. See contact details Below

Lotus 61 Historic Formula Ford

Underwent complete restoration by previous owner - minimal use

Stored in private collection since.

Ownership history available

PRICE £29,500



MERLYN Mk 17 HISTORIC FORMULA FORD

Purchased from the Jim Russell Racing School in 1985.

It has been in Albert's collection – unraced - ever since.

Completely restored three years ago

Chassis by Merlyn – Engine by Paul Simms – Built by Rex Hart. New bodywork.

Finished in its original Jim Russell colours. Original Chassis Plate.

Comes with HSCC papers

PRICE £39,000.



TWO CAR TRANSPORTER (SINGLE SEATERS)

FORD IVECO - 13 TON GVW BOX VAN

FIRST REG: 20.12.2000 - MOT TO 30.11.19 - OVERALL LENGTH OF BOX: 25 FT.

LOAD AREA: 16'6" LONG X 8' HIGH X 8' WIDE

Only being sold due to retirement from racing. It is in very good clean condition inside and out. Belly storage lockers all round Large on board generator - fully wired for direct hook up, Extended two-stage tail lift - slide out platform with steps to side entrance door - Adjustable tow bar - Front area fitted with kitchen units ,sink, fridge, microwave, hanging cupboard - seating area converts into two bunks. PRICE £13,000. ONO

To view or for further information contact Tel. 01245 360513 Mobile 07710629313 Email: hawkltd@talk21.com



Not sure if still for sale...

Kevin Goater, busy with life, hasn't raced with us some time and says "Racing's on the back burner, the time has come to move my Macon on".

<https://racecarsdirect.com/Advert/Details/106270/macon-mk-8---1970-historic-formula-ford-f1600>

or try Tel: +44 (0)1494 472233 Fax: +44 (0)1494 462269

Email: kevin@kellforms.com

Not one but two (new to us) Eldens.

Historic Elden Formula Ford Mark 8 1600, Historic Elden Formula Ford Mark 10C 1600

Both offered as a rolling chassis or complete including engine and gearbox. They have both recently been fully refurbished and had a full rebuild including: new bodywork, unused rebuilt Connaught engine and all suspension has been

rechromed. The cars are immaculate throughout and a large spares package is included.

Regards, ALAN Kent ME7 1YQ Tel: 01634 571016 E-mail: alan@kejan-eng.co.uk

Ex top ten HFF racer – now retired, Stuart Baird has a Merlyn for sale too.

<https://racecarsdirect.com/Advert/Details/101480/merlyn-mk-11a-historic-ff1600>

Provisional HSCC 2020 Calendar for UK Historic Formula Ford & Classic Formula Ford Championships.



4 - 5 Apr HSCC HFF, CFF & Heritage FF. Snetterton 300 circuit. This will be a Formula Ford Themed event with a Provisional Title of the **Jim Russell Trophy Meeting.** 38 cars per grid. HFF format single race on both days plus possible race for Formula Ford Champion of Snetterton Race. CFF; 2 Races over 2 days. Programme likely to include FF2000, Classic Clubman's. Party, live band etc.

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27 - 28 June HSCC HFF Pembrey. HFF 30 cars per grid 'A' race format single race on both days. An 'A' & 'B' race format on both days is possible subject to entries. No CFF. Celebrating the circuit's 30th Anniversary year. Those who enter this meeting will have priority booking for Brands GP.

11-12 July HFF & CFF HSCC Legends of Brands Hatch SuperPrix (GP Circuit) HFF 38 car-grid 'A' race format single race on both days. CFF; 2 Races over 2 days. BIG F5000 meeting. Gorgeous Brands at its best. Joint CFF & HFF party!

15th - 16th August. Ireland's Mondello Park. HFF Non-Championship 'away race' Invitation at their Historic Race Meeting. 'A' race format single race on both days. **Subject to confirmation and entry numbers.** If you intend to enter (12 so far), please let historicff@gmail.com know by end of Feb. We hope discounted Ferry fees may be available, watch out for announcements (see

also <https://www.mondellopark.ie/>), 3-4 other HSCC Formulas are considering attending this west of Dublin venue.

29 - 31 Aug HSCC HFF & CFF Oulton Park Gold Cup. HFF Two 'A' race format + Qualifying over 3 days. 38 cars per grid. CFF; 2 races + Q on BH Monday. BIG Northern Classic Car Event. Beautiful Parkland setting. Evening entertainment.

19 - 20 Sept HSCC HFF & CFF Cadwell Park. HFF A & B format on both days (subject to entries) 30 per grid. CFF; 2 Races over 2 days. Lincolnshire's exciting and challenging 'Mini-Nürburgring' parkland venue. HFF V CFF fun Cricket match maybe & BBQ.

24 - 25 Oct HFF & CFF. The BRSCC Formula Ford Festival Brands Indy – Our 'Finals'. 30 car grid. One race each day. CFF; 2 Races over 2 days. We join with the world's best FF drivers and show them and UK's Formula Ford enthusiasts just how good we are.

In most cases at each meeting there is an allowance of 20% additional reserve entries in qualifying, entry fees returned (less £25) for non-starters.

Subject to each Championship Regs & entries; all HFF entrants are eligible to enter CFF & Heritage rounds.

All subject to change and confirmation. See HSCC Website for 2020 regulations and updates. <https://hsc.org.uk/>

21st November HSCC Trophies and Dance at Sywell. Northampton's 1930's-themed 'Aviator' Hotel. New for us, more atmosphere, cheaper accommodation and a fun 'Swing' Evening.

Note. Anglesey, Croft and Silverstone Finals events; We will be revisiting these popular venues in the future when they become available and will be requested for 2021.

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