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ROUND ONE: SNETTERTON 300

**JIM RUSSELL TROPHY
SATURDAY 17 APRIL**



**ALL EVENTS ENTERED.
LET'S RACE!**

TIM CHILD

COVER IMAGE: SNETTERTON, APRIL 2018
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COMMENT

THE HSCC HAVE PUT TOGETHER A TREMENDOUS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 70S ROAD SPORTS WHICH INCLUDES THE BRANDS HATCH GP CIRCUIT, THE OULTON PARK GOLD CUP, PLUS A PAIR OF FAST AND FURIOUS (BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE) SPRINT RACES AROUND THE MALLORY PARK LAKE.

With the exception of the double header weekends all of this season's races will be scheduled to last 25 minutes or 30 minutes. To provide an even better deal for competitors, our aim, where the timetable allows would also be to add any delays such as safety car periods onto the race time so competitors always enjoy a full race distance. Whilst this might be stating the obvious, competitors should plan ahead to ensure they can race for possibly five minutes longer than the specified race distance.

We are hopeful that the season will start on schedule, as more and more of the population are being stabbed in the arm, in an initiative supported by the Government hopefully the possibility of staying alive will begin to revert back towards pre 2020 levels. Although if as conspiracy theorists suggest we will all end up with a state sponsored transponder implanted in our arms, as part of a new trade deal with China, we might have to check that they do not provide real time data logging and comply with Regulation 2.13.1.

The early signs are that we will enjoy some bumper grids this year and we encourage all competitors registered for the 70s Championship to enter all the events they intend to compete in as soon as possible to secure their place on the entry list. As before, no payments will be taken until entries close around two weeks before each event.

Joining Class A will be Richard and the talented Will Plant to keep 'KeKi' Kivlochan on his toes with Adam Bagnall making up in driving points what his E-Type loses in bhp to the Morgan, whilst Mark Bennett will consistently pick up a useful haul of points.

Class B is likely to be the Championship powerhouse, last year Dave Karaskas and John Williams proved the adage that it only takes two to make a motor race but this year they will be joined by the Datsun of Charles Barter and a fully refreshed and refurbished TVR of Julian Barter. It is difficult to predict who (if any) of these very competitive drivers will be willing to relinquish their position on the top of the pile.

Steve Cooke announced at the end of last season that 2020 would be his final year of competition leaving Class C looking rather depleted and so it was great to see Jez encouraging his old sparing partner Will Leverett to return to the fray, it would also be great to see Mark and Jim Dean rejoining the group.

With such a broad colour palette of cars Class D already look spectacular even when standing still, combined with a diverse range of marques and models from Alfa Romeo, Lotus, TVR, Porsche and Jensen I suspect the secret to success will fall to the driver who is able to balance on that delicate line between performance and reliability.

The good news for Class E is that David Tomkinson has sold his Triumph Spitfire to a young racer who plans to continue in the Championship. However it would be great to see more novices join the small capacity class as it offers both great value and competitive racing. Novices also receive a subsidy to offset against their first entry fee and compete for the prestigious Win Percy Trophy.

We will be holding an Awards Presentation to approximately 30 - 40mins after every race distribute trophies and celebrate competitors achievements.

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After the recent cold snap thoughts of longer lighter evenings seem an age away but it's just two months until the scheduled start of the season. Although Covid is still hanging about like an unpleasant smell in a lift there does appear to be reason for optimism like green shoots in spring.

70S CHAMPIONSHIP 2021 CALENDAR

*ALL DATES AND RACE DISTANCES ARE PROVISIONAL **NON CHAMPIONSHIP

	FRI	SAT	SUN
17/18 APRIL: SNETTERTON 300 JIM RUSSELL TROPHY			
QUALIFYING	—	11.00 - 11.20	—
RACE	—	15.40 - 16.05	—
22/23 MAY: SILVERSTONE INTERNATIONAL			
QUALIFYING	—	—	09.00 - 09.20
RACE	—	—	14.05 - 14.35
05/06 JUNE: CADWELL PARK WOLDS TROPHY			
QUALIFYING	—	15 MIN	—
RACE	—	20MIN	20MIN
26/27 JUNE: DONINGTON PARK			
QUALIFYING	—	—	15MIN
RACE	—	—	30MIN
10/11 JULY: BRANDS HATCH SUPER PRIX			
QUALIFYING	—	—	15MIN
RACE	—	—	25MIN
28-30 AUGUST: OULTON PARK GOLD CUP			
QUALIFYING	—	20MIN	—
RACE	—	—	25MIN
18/19 SEPTEMBER: MALLORY PARK			
QUALIFYING	—	15MIN	—
RACE	—	15MIN x2	—
01/03 OCTOBER: SPA FRANCORCHAMPS**			
QUALIFYING	30MIN	—	—
RACE	—	30MIN	30MIN
16/17 OCTOBER: SILVERSTONE NATIONAL FINALS			
QUALIFYING	—	—	15MIN
RACE	—	—	25MIN

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70S ANNUAL DINNER

Having made the decision that staying alive should take priority over drinking beer, the 70s Annual Dinner scheduled for 27 February has been cancelled.

On the plus side the 70s Hospitality Account is currently in credit by £223.23. This is an amalgamation of funds collected at previous social events.

We are hopeful that the current efforts to bring the pandemic under control will prove effective and we will be able to stage our traditional Annual BBQ at the Oulton Park Gold Cup on Saturday 28 August after qualifying.

The theme of the 2021 Gold Cup Barbecue will be 'Oktoberfest - in August'

We also considered whether we should organise a ludicrous competitive event following the success of the Soap Box Derby and Space Hopper Challenge.

Under consideration were wrestling a greased pig or a unicycle long jump, until Tim Child offered to provide live entertainment with his fee paid in beer, coincidentally 70s currency of choice.



HSCC MEMBERSHIP

Please don't forget that membership renewal is now open via the Club website and if you haven't already we would like to urge everyone to renew as soon as possible at: www.hsc.org.uk

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RACE ENTRIES NOW OPEN

Whilst the Club are in the hands of the UK Government and Motorsport UK about exactly when we can re-start racing, they remain hopeful that they will be able to run a full programme of events beginning at Snetterton on 17/18 April.

The HSCC have opened entries for all of our 2021 Championship race meetings. As before, no entry fees will be taken until entries close around two weeks before each event. Racing members can enter race meetings on-line at www.hsc.org.uk.

As you will have read in the Introduction to this Newsletter we are very excited about the prospects for the 70s Road Sports Championship this year with the potential that some events will be oversubscribed.

We would encourage competitors registered for the Championship to enter all the events they intend to compete in this season as soon possible to secure their place on the entry list.

Providing the Club with an indication of expected entries has the added benefit of helping them to planning and prepare events earlier than in previous years.

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CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

The 2021 70s Road Sports Championship Regulations are available to download from 70s Road Sport page on the Club's website:

www.hsccl.org.uk/championships

As a number of changes have been made and we urge all competitors to read the 70s Road Sports Published Regs_2021 carefully along with the updated 2021 Published Weights.

Competitors wishing to claim road driven points must declare that they will drive their race car to and from every round of the Championship and submit a HSCC Driver's Declaration Form, also available to download from the Club's website.

Throughout 2021 cars will be checked regularly to ensure they comply with the Championship Regulations and their approved VIF.

Competing cars will also be weighed as often as possible. Should a competitor need to add ballast to their car please ensure that it is attached as specified in the MSUK Yearbook 5.15.



Paddock Parking

Realistically neither the Club nor the circuits have the spare resources to create a Goodwood style paddock display, however desirable that might be for competitors and spectators.

By sticking to the paddock parking plan issued before each event, ideally we can take responsibility for the presentation of our own Championship. The great thing about a HSCC Paddock is that there are no poor relations just a huge amount of diversity which is one of the big attractions for spectators (when they are allowed).

In the past 70s have created excellent paddock displays and it would be good to maintain this tradition, perhaps the best solution is to wear our enthusiasts hat when we arrive at a circuit and park in a way we would like to see our cars displayed if we were the fan.

We could also politely ask competitors from other Championships not to park in our allocated area but by return we should not encroach into theirs.



NEWS 4

PETER RICHARDS, CLAN
CRUSADER & CHRIS
FISHER, MG ARKLEY

IMAGE:
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HSCC 70s NOVICE SCHEME

Launched in 2015 for competitors who have not previously held a Competition Licence and start their motorsport adventure with the HSCC in 70s Road Sports.

All eligible competitors will receive a subsidy towards the cost of their first race entry and compete over the season for the prestigious Win Percy Trophy, named in honour of a driver famed for competing in cars of the type now used in the Championship.

We would also like to encourage more competitors to join the small capacity Class E. Eligible cars such as the MG Midget, Triumph Spitfire, Arkley and Clan Crusader all offer an extremely good value entry to racing whilst providing a competitive starting point as has been demonstrated by Chris Fisher over a number of years.

For more information contact the HSCC Competition Secretary: alan@hsc.org.uk



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MEET THE PHOTOGRAPHERS

One of the things about Social Media is that photographers are able to post images of our exploits, whilst the images are invariably excellent we don't often get to meet these lensmen on the other side of the camera:



CHARLIE WOODING

Without Charlie this Newsletter would be about as inspiring as a GCSE Exam paper on Research Methods in Sociology.

When you tire of searching for images of yourself on his website even vaguely looking as if you are traveling quicker than you would on a trip to the shops, the archive section is truly inspirational.

www.charliewooding.co.uk



JEFF BLOXHAM

Since the 1970s the ever youthful Jeff Bloxham has been on the other side of the fence, a man looking totally at one in his environment.

From my observation point in the enclosures Jeff appeared to lead a simple bohemian lifestyle traveling circuit to circuit with just a change of t-shirt and a camera.

It's worth remembering Jeff has a reputation for being where the action is.

<https://jeffbloxham.com/>



MICHAEL PAUL HOLDEN

The new kid on our block stunned us with some brilliant and unusual images from the Oulton Park Gold Cup last August.

2018 Motorsport UK Young Photographer of the Year and 2020 World Sports Photography Awards Bronze Medalist, clearly has the ability to make us look far better than we ever knew we were.

<https://mphphotography.design>

BIGGER AND BETTER 70S STAR

The 70s Star will be back again this season, slightly redesigned with a stronger nod to the Shell Stars of the 1970s as proudly worn by Barry Sheene, Jonathan Palmer and our very own Dave Karaskas plus a little bit larger making it less fiddly to stick.

A visual celebration of a drivers achievements over the season, a 70s Star will be awarded to the overall winner and each class winner in every race.



NEWS 6

HELP YOUR CHILDREN DESIGN AND COMPETE WITH THEIR OWN VIRTUAL RACE CAR

Gavin Johnson will again be combining his racing with the opportunity to promote STEM Learning for Primary and Secondary School children in association with PDC Racing and RS Components.

Their latest resource investigates the fundamental principles of design in motorsport and gives students a chance to put into action knowledge gained, by designing and racing their own virtual car!

Primary and Secondary school children will be able to explore how and why technology, physics, maths and critical thinking all play a key role in what makes a race team so successful.

If you know of a teacher or parent looking for inspiration, these well designed lesson plans and associated supporting assets are available to download at:
<https://uk.rs-online.com/web/generalDisplay.html?id=stem/driven-to-inspire>



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SPINNING WHEELS PODCAST

If you find yourself with some time on your hands the Spinning Wheels Podcasts hosted by Guy Smith and Paul Woodford are still right up there with the best of the best.

Many of the rally fraternity tell great stories with amazing clarity for competitors whose view of the outside world is usually a lot of trees passing at high speed. The chat with Nicky Grist #5 is one that would elevate him right to the top of the list of people you would like to spend an evening in the pub with. The same applies to Jason Plato #9 but for very different and hilarious reasons.

Episode #25 features one of the Touring Car greats, Steve 'Soperman' Soper followed by the indomitable John Cleland in Episode #26.

With inspiring, eye-opening and often hilarious motorsport stories 'the man's an animal' there has never been a better time to be 'working from home.'

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/spinning-wheels/>





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