

HSCC Historic Modsports & Special Saloons December Newsletter

Hi everyone, we're heading into the festive period and I finally have some news for you all.

Following a successful first season in 2023 the series continues to gain momentum, so I'd like to share the following things with you.

2023 Awards Lunch

The venue for this will be the Stoneleigh Deer Park Golf Club on Saturday 24th Feb. Congratulations to those collecting season awards, class awards are below and some overall awards will be presented also.

- Class 1- Paul Knapton
- Class 2 - Paul Bowers
- Class 3 - Paul Sibley
- Class 4 - Steve Watton
- Class 5 - Myles Castaldini
- Class 6 - Andy Robinson
- Class 7 - Oliver Reuben

Historic Modsports & Special Saloons Winter Warmer Meal

Following our 2023 season we will be having an informal get together over something to eat, to discuss detail of the 2024 season and hand out some awards following the 2023 season.

The date is the afternoon (2.00pm until 5.00pm) of **Saturday 24th February**. The venue is the **Stoneleigh Deer Park Golf Club**. This is the Saturday of the 'Race Retro' show at Stoneleigh and the Golf Club is literally a stones throw from the Race Retro venue.

We have chosen this time and place, as we know lots of you will attend the show on the Saturday, so there should be ample time to look around the show and then decamp to the Golf Club for 2.00pm, for some hot food and catch up with fellow enthusiasts and witness a few awards for the 2023 season before your trip home.

Everyone is welcome, racers, mechanics, supporters, marshals etc., etc.. We are doing our best to keep costs down and I think this represents excellent value for money the way to **book your place with Lindsey in the HSCC office**. The price for the buffet menu below is **£17.95**. We all need to book well in advance to ensure the venue is secured, so please book as soon as you can.

- **Homemade Chilli Con Carne, Rice & Nachos**
- **Homemade Lasagne, Garlic bread & House Coleslaw**
- **Thick cut chips or Roasted New Potatoes**

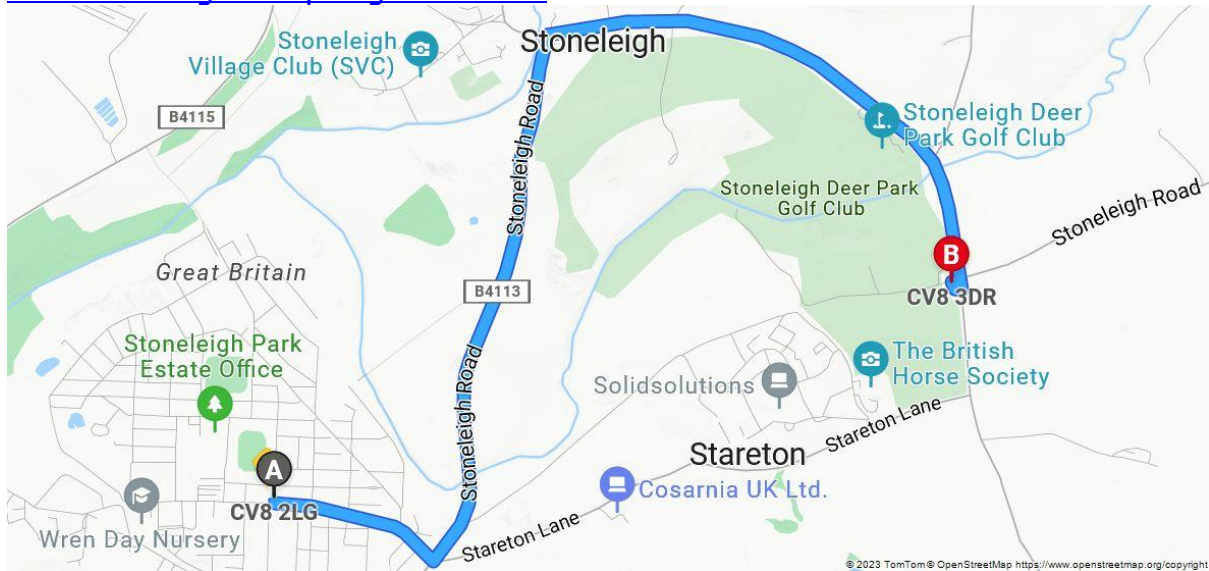
- **Dessert of the Day**

- **Tea & Coffee**

Bar will also be open for you to buy your own drinks

If you would like to check the venue out please see link to the website below:

www.stoneleightdeerparkgolfclub.com



Distance from Show to Golf Club 2.3 miles. Using Sat Nav codes:

CV8 2LG - for the show.

CV8 3DR - for the Golf Club.

2024 Calendar and Race Format

During 2023 we were grouped with other series whilst our series grew big enough to stand on its own feet and whilst we remain grateful to all those series for accommodating us, it will be great now to have our own stand-alone races. The race weekend will consist of 20 minutes qualifying and 2 x 20-minute races. All races will be rolling start.

Series Sponsorship

Chase Equipment will once again be our main series sponsor. This will mean we will be able to provide extra enhancements for our competitors as we did in 2023. Along with awards for winners, there will be a garland and a quality bottle of champagne for the winner. We will also be looking to hold a BBQ at, at least one of the events.

Also, for 2024 there will be a draw for competitors. All those competing at a race weekend will be entered in a draw and there will be prizes of a **£100 discount on the following race**. These will be drawn at:

- Snetterton for a discount to be used at Cadwell Park
- Cadwell Park for a discount to be used at Donington Park
- Donington Park for a discount to be used at Croft
- Croft for a discount to be used at Silverstone

Chase will be present at the rounds, so if you see them, please make them welcome, and if you get the opportunity, please visit their website https://chaseequipment.co.uk/contact-us/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI4OXOvKuRgwMV8opoCR1b4wOPEAAAYASAAEgJHZvD_BwE and look at the products, innovation and expertise they offer to see if you could utilise this within your own businesses.

Regulation Changes

The regulations have remained in the main static and I don't see them moving from now on, so anyone building a new car to enter with us, will have to comply with those. There has been a slight change in that original mechanical injection is allowed but cannot be on any modern electronic engine management system.

Original Period Cars

Cars which raced in period and remain in a specification which could have taken place in period, so no modern 'equivalent' chassis, engines, gearboxes, fuelling, brakes etc.. Will be welcome to apply for eligibility. Once granted, they will be allotted a class to compete in. We still retain the right to review their inclusion depending on the performance factors of the car.

The 2024 HSCC Modsports & Special Saloons Series will be held at the following race meetings.

Date	Circuit	Status	Org. Club
20 th – 21 st April	Snetterton		HSCC
18 th – 19 th May	Cadwell Park		HSCC
8 th - 9 th June	Donington Park		HSCC
10 th - 11 th August	Croft Historic Festival		HSCC
12 th - 13 th October	Silverstone National – Finals Meeting		HSCC

Thank You

The Historic Modsports and Special Saloon series created by the HSCC has gathered tremendous momentum through the 2023 season, with a considerable number of cars being resurrected and more being prepared for the 2024 season.

We think 2024 provides a real opportunity for the series to continue to grow. The economic climate is difficult I know, I work full time to fund this hobby of mine and value every penny I spend. There are cost increases, which we have no control over, in particular circuit charges, these have been contested, but until there is a step change in the way racing is organised in the UK there is no option. The racing membership for the HSCC has increased, but don't forget, this is all you pay, for racing membership with the HSCC, other clubs have a lower initial membership fee, but then charge an extra fee for racing in each series.

Personally, I would like to thank every single one of you for your support, whether a racer or as a supporter, mechanic, journalist or photographer, it is the whole community we are building which helps to give this series the identity it is rapidly developing. This series is also a unique place to come and race your car, and be certain that only cars of a similar period specification are going to be alongside you. There are some other very good series where I've no doubt you would be welcome, but none with the same level of Historic significance as this. This is being recognised within the sport and more and more original iconic cars are swelling our grids. Which is something we need to continue with, especially now we are a stand-alone series.

I'd like to wish all of you a very enjoyable festive season and a prosperous new year, keep your eyes out for further news over the winter as we continue our development.

Steve Watton.