

HSCC Historic Modsports & Special Saloons January Newsletter

Hi everyone, its February already!

Not a lot more news to bring you this month, so much of this is the same as December, but there are some extras, so please read on.

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, which are a little different, are below and some overall awards will be presented also. These are in the class configuration we ran in 2023, for 2024 it will be a much simpler class structure.

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 & Presentation

To conclude 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 the awards mentioned above.

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. Glad to say there are already 20+ attendees and we've three weeks to go yet.

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 before your trip home.

Everyone is welcome, racers, mechanics, supporters, marshals etc., etc.. The way to book your place is to pay the £17.95 directly to the HSCC using the following details:

Account Name: Historic Sports Car Club Ltd
Sort Code: 20-57-40
Account No: 83777979

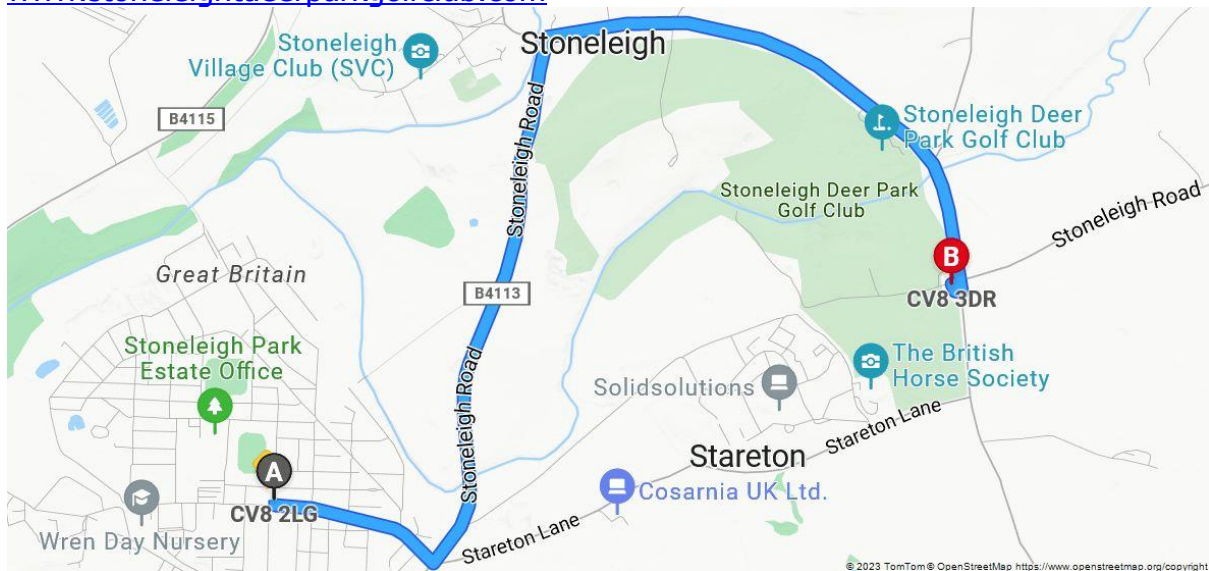
Then let Lindsey at the club (01327 858400) know the names so she can match the payment up. **The venue will not accept payment on the day**, so we have to book in advance so they know the numbers.

The price is **£17.95 per person**, and the buffet menu is below 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.stoneleighdeerparkgolfclub.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. Each race weekend will consist of 20 minutes qualifying and 2 x 20-minute races. So 60 minutes on track, all races will be rolling start. See full calendar below. Each circuit 'usually' has a track / test day on the Friday before each meeting, but this would have to be checked and booked directly with the individual circuit.

Date	Circuit
20 th – 21 st April	Snetterton – Entries open 23 rd February.
18 th – 19 th May	Cadwell Park
8 th - 9 th June	Donington Park
10 th - 11 th August	Croft Historic Festival
12 th - 13 th October	Silverstone National

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. Joining Chase will be the '**Black Shuck Distillery**' so alongside the garland instead of a bottle of champers for the winner, the victor will receive a bottle of their signature Gin, which retails at c£40.00. 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 the first 4 race meetings 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=EAlaIqobChMI4OXOvKuRgwMV8opoCR1b4wOPEAAAYASAAEgJHZvD_BwE And look at the products, innovation and expertise they offer to see if you could utilise this within your own businesses.

Black Shuck will also be there, so please check out their website as well, there may be some nice ideas for gifts <https://www.blackshuckltd.co.uk>

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.

Revised 4 Class Structure

Class	Modsports Cars	Special Saloon Cars
A	Up to 1150cc	Up to 1000cc
B	1151 to 1500cc	1000 to 1300cc
C	1501cc to 2000cc	1301cc to 2500cc
D	Over 2000cc	Over 2500cc

On occasion, cars may be 'invited' to compete, but they will not be eligible for awards.

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. When 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 each car.

Once Again 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, series registration is included within racing membership with the HSCC, other clubs have a lower initial membership fee, but then charge an extra fee for racing registration for each series.

I see that 14 of you have already joined the HSCC and registered for the series for 2024, taking advantage of the discounted fee offered for those doing so in January.

Finally, 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 also offers 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'm looking forward to catching up with many of you at the lunch on the 24th, but if you're unable to make that, then hopefully at the first round at Snetterton. By the way, entries open on the 23rd Feb.

With kind regards,

Steve Watton.