



R400 NEWSLETTER

5 February 2003

Championship calendar

Hopefully you will all have seen this week's press release confirming the R400 Challenge calendar for 2003. In case you missed it, here are the dates again:

Apr 5/6, Donington Park Nat, DH
May 3/4, Croft, DH
May 25/26, Silverstone GP, DH
Jun 21/22, Castle Combe, DH
Aug 16/17, Thruxton, DH
Sep 27/28, Brands Hatch GP, DH
Oct 18/19, Brands Indy, single race

To confirm; all six of our British GT/F3 dates will be double -headers, with the Caterham/Formula Ford Festival season-closer at Brands a single race. That makes 13 UK rounds in total.

It's a fantastic calendar I'm sure you'll agree and dovetails very nicely with the Eurocup calendar. If you were committed enough, you could easily do both championships.

Entry fees & testing

We are awaiting final confirmation from the high-ups at the BRDC, but the indications are that entry fees will be unchanged for 2003 at £360 per double-header meeting.

The BRDC has requested of the circuits that they make testing time available to GT/F3 support race competitors as close to the meeting as possible. We'll bring you more news of testing availability as it is revealed to us...

Plans for the season

We're well down the road to sorting out some improvements for the drivers this season. We're planning new trophies, for example, and a brighter, better hospitality service for you, as well as extra prizes from our sponsors for meritorious on-the-day performances.

Also, the championship prize fund is being reallocated, so that the champion will collect £7000 in cash, the runner-up £2000 and there is £1000 for third place.

Sporting regulations

We've made very few changes for 2003. The full regulations will be with you within days, now that the dates are finalised, but these are the highlights:

Slightly revised scoring system...Still 20 points for a win, 18 for second and so on, but this season there will be an extra point awarded for fastest qualifying lap and for fastest race lap.

Also, drivers will score their 12 best results from the 13 rounds.

Registrations, please!

Time to fill in the paperwork, please... If you haven't already done so please register using the enclosed form.

Last year's competitors have until the end of February before open season is declared on their race numbers, so that's another incentive to get the forms in!

European Trophy

As you may have spotted in our media announcement this week, Caterham is organising a very special European event at Spa-Francorchamps in August.

It will support not only the British GTs and F3s but also the FIA Sportscar Championship and will be open to any kind of Caterham.

Firm date has yet to be announced, but it will be either the weekend of August 23/24 or 30/31, with two races and a low entry fee. It's not a championship round, so tyres will be free. Further news soon...

Sponsor reserved areas

Please find enclosed a diagram of the sponsor reserved areas of the car for 2003.

Media & TV

The R400 Challenge will benefit from some major TV exposure on the Sky Sports satellite channels, with each and every meeting being covered by Richard Hay's camera teams – this is a significant step forward from previous seasons. The footage will be crafted into dedicated Caterham programmes, each repeated on Sky several times.

The championship's continuing association with *Autosport* magazine ensures that we will get some excellent coverage there, and meanwhile Nick Carter will be beavering away to try to get as much media coverage for you as possible in your local areas.

Nick will shortly be issuing media questionnaires; please fill them in and return them as quickly as you can and that way coverage for you and your sponsors can be maximised.

Don't forget that the website www.caterhamracing.com provides a useful resource and that race photographs can be downloaded for free from www.imagevaults.co.uk/caterham

Festival programmes

If there are any drivers seeking some glossy material to lay before potential

sponsors, we have a limited number of Caterham Festival '02 programmes here...

New clerk of the course

We are lucky enough to have gained the services of Dave Pierre as our permanent clerk of the course for the season. Dave is very experienced, having worked on touring cars and F3/GT, and I'm sure he'll do a splendid job and that none of you will ever have to visit him post-race!

Dave has requested that each of you submits a photocopy of your MSA licence to me as soon as you have one available.

Caterham race dates 2003

Here, in one place, is the complete list of R400, Eurocup, Roadsport & Graduates dates...

Mar 15	Grads Silverstone
Apr 5/6	R400s Donington & Roadsport Rockingham
Apr 12/13	Grads Rockingham
Apr 18-20	Eurocup Nürburgring
May 3/4	R400s Croft
May 16/17	Eurocup Spa
May 17/18	Grads Pembrey
May 18	Roadsport Cadwell
May 25/26	R400s Silverstone
May 31/ Jun 1	Roadsport Silverstone
Jun 13/14	Eurocup Sachsenring
Jun 14	Grads Snetterton
Jun 14/15	Roadsport Brands
Jun 21/22	R400s Combe
Jul 4/5	Eurocup Zandvoort
Jul 6	Grads Cadwell Park
Jul 26/27	Roadsport Croft
Aug 2/3	Grads Anglesey
Aug 16	Grads Oulton
Aug 16/17	R400s Thruxton
Aug 24 or 31	European Trophy Spa
Sep 6/7	Roadsport Snetterton & Grads Croft
Sep 19/20	Eurocup Dijon
Sep 27	Grads Thruxton
Sep 27/28	R400s Brands Hatch
Oct 18/19	Brands Caterham Festival

That's it for now...

Kay Carter

2003 Caterham R400 Challenge

Championship registration form

Name of driver

Driver's address

Telephone numbers

Daytime

Evening

Mobile

Email address

Driver's date of birth

Licence grade & nr

Nationality

BRSCC members nr

Entrant's name

(if different to above)

Entrant's address

(if applicable)

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations laid down in the 2003 CATERHAM R400 CHALLENGE Sporting and Technical Regulations, including any amendments or clarifications that may be made by the organisers during the course of the season and to observe all rules and regulations of the MSA Ltd.

I enclose a cheque made out to Caterham Cars Limited for £600 and I undertake to inform the co-ordinator if the car is sold or if I cease participation in the Caterham R400 Challenge. I understand that this registration cannot be assigned and that I will notify the co-ordinator of any changes to the foregoing information.

Signature driver

Signature entrant

(if applicable)

Please state preferred competition number from 2-99. Preference will be given to 2002 Superlight Challenge number holders

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reserved areas for the championship sponsors

