

# NEWSLETTER

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## Nürburgring

Well, what a remarkable weekend. I don't think I've ever been at such a persistently wet race meeting, nor been so impressed by the general standard of driving by you guys. That we didn't end up with some seriously bent Caterhams is down to your skills and good sense, well done.

And what can we say about Jon Barnes, except what a brilliant drive! I'm certain that nobody has ever won a Eurocup or an R400 race by a margin as large as 44 seconds before, and older hands than I can't recall a bigger margin in any regular Caterham race. Again, well done Jon, but be aware you are the only driver praying for rain for the rest of the season!

Well done, too, to Chris Reynalds for his twin wins in the Roadsport class. I think Chris was on for an even bigger victory margin than Jon in race two, but we'll never really know because Jon unhelpfully lapped Malcolm Johnstone!

## Oschersleben

... and so to eastern Germany for our third meeting of the season. Oschersleben is another circuit new to the championship, and it is situated close to Magdeburg, approximately 120km from Hannover and 160km from Berlin.

It's roughly 500 miles by road from Calais. If any of the larger teams has space on a truck for an extra car or cars, please let me know and I will circulate the details.



The circuit website is at [www.motorpark.de](http://www.motorpark.de) There is an English version.

The major airlines fly to Hannover and Berlin from the UK. Ryanair [[www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com)] has flights from Stansted to Berlin-Schonefeld and to Leipzig-Altenburg, while easyJet [[www.easyJet.com](http://www.easyJet.com)] flies to Schonefeld from Luton, Liverpool and Newcastle.

There looks to be only one possible return flight on the Saturday night after the race, which is Ryanair's 2215 service to Stansted.

## Timetable

### Friday 11 June

0800-1030	3x45min test sessions (EUR 90.00 ea, bookable locally)
1235-1255	Free practice
1630-1650	Qualifying

### Saturday 12 June

0905	Race 1
1530	Race 2

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## Entry deadline

Entries for the Oschersleben rounds will close strictly on Thursday 27 May.

I am aware of confirmed entries already from:

Ralf Schmid, Steve Frost, Daniel Mitchell, Rachel Green, Steve Knox, Mike Cantillon, Simon Lambert, Simon Crompton, Sarah Reader; and from Chris Reynolds, Pim Tiddens, Mark Harris & Steve Hindle.

## Hotels

There is a circuit hotel – details on the circuit website or tel +49 3949 920 333, although I believe it's probably full or nearly so.

There is a long, searchable list of accommodation in and around Magdeburg to be found at [www.magdeburg-tourist.de](http://www.magdeburg-tourist.de)

## Pit garages

We have requested the use of the pit garages at Oschersleben but at present have received no response. More news when we have it.

## Assen meeting

Looking ahead to our Dutch jaunt, Pim Tiddens recommends the Van der Valk Assen Hotel, which currently has singles available at 83 Euros per night.

Telephone number is +31 592 851 515 or you can book online at: [www.vandervalkassen.nl](http://www.vandervalkassen.nl)

## Photography

It's my plan later this week to circulate a CD to each of you with photographs of your cars in action at Hockenheim and Nürburgring. The quality of some of the shots isn't all that great, particularly at the latter circuit because of the dire weather, but hey, they're free!

## German rounds

A reminder that anyone interested is welcome to take part in the two German championship rounds that are not included in the Eurocup calendar. These are:

21/22 August, Zandvoort &

15-17 October, Nürburgring

Anybody wishing to enter these should contact Wolfgang Becker directly, and should also be aware that their cars will have to conform fully to the Caterham Hankook Masters rules and regulations, rather than the Eurocup ones.

Wolfgang's email address is: [wolfgang.becker.car@t-online.de](mailto:wolfgang.becker.car@t-online.de)

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