



NEWSLETTER

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REGISTRATIONS

It's nearly upon us, the first meeting of 2005 for the Powertrain Caterham Challenge. A year in which I am positive we are going to see some extremely exciting and close motor racing. Registrations are still coming in and to date the following drivers have registered for the Championship, David Dyson, Soh Fukushima, Jack Newland, Nick Payne, Rachel Green, Nathan Bell, Ewan McIntyre, Ben Dezille Butler, Matt Blyth, Will Mitcham, Tony Hawkins, Stuart Smith, Dave O'Carroll, Douglas Clark, Riki Nash, James Gardiner, Patrick Maher, Alan Williamson and I am expecting a number more.

Just a reminder to those who have not yet completed their Registration Form, please could you do so and let me have it by return.

BRSCC RACE ENTRY PACKS

You will have received by now your 2005 Race Entry Pack from the BRSCC and I do hope that you are able to take advantage of the Race Entry Service. This was introduced in 2004 and proved very successful. It means you can complete your entries for the whole year well in advance and thereby avoid any incurrance of a late entry fee should you 'forget' to make an entry at any time. This is also a good time to remind you to check that your BRSCC Membership is in good order. You will be required to produce your card at every meeting at signing on. Should it require updating, please contact Jo at the BRSCC on 01.732 780100.

DONINGTON PARK

Our first meeting takes us to Donington Park on the 2nd/3rd April. I am looking forward to this meeting and to putting faces to the names I have been speaking to over the winter months. Please do introduce yourself to me. Please note that closing date for entries for this meeting is Friday 18th March. I am attaching a **PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE** for the meeting, please be aware that this may be subject to changes.

As you are aware, this is the first two rounds of the F3/GT Championship and promises to be a very good meeting. I have already forwarded details of pre race day testing to you but just to re-iterate. There is general testing at the circuit on the

24th March, Full day £395, Half-day £265 and there is a silenced test day, 98 decibels, on 1st April, £295 full day, Half -day £175. Contact No. 01.332 819503.

TELEVISION

Donington is one of several meetings to be televised this year and will be shown on one of Caterhams stand-alone programmes on Sky Sports. Transmission dates and times to be advised. The cars chosen to carry the on board cameras will be decided after qualifying.

MINISTER RACING ENGINES

Minister Racing Engines will once again be providing support at the meetings and attached is a copy of their Terms and Conditions. I am also delighted to announce that they will also be continuing to support the Championship with their very popular Driver of the Meeting Award and again our thanks go to them for that.

COOPER-AVON TYRES

I am also delighted to announce that Cooper Avon Tyres will once again be providing their excellent trackside support to competitors.

CHAMPIONSHIP DECALS

I should by now have received details of your requirements for the 'contributors panel' and I am advised by Tony Murray of Syncromesh that all decals will be available and posted to you this week. As before we will carry an extra stock of stickers in the Race Centre.

POWERTRAIN AND AUTOSPORT

As you will probably have read in the motoring press, Powertrain and Autosport have agreed to continue with their sponsorship of our new Championship, which is excellent news, and I would like to thank them for their continued support. Autosport will continue as our media partner and we look forward to welcoming both back again this year.

IMPROVED TROPHIES FOR 2005

We have commissioned bigger and better trophies for the Championship this year and I am sure you will approve. Trophies which I am sure you will be delighted to put into your display cabinets and in many years time when your motor racing is just a fond memory you will be able to look at the them with great pride. I do hope you like them.

PRESENTATION OF GARLANDS AND AWARDS

SRO, organisers of the F3/GT Championship have requested that the top three finishers in each class attend the presentation podium within 2 minutes of the finish of the race. Trophies and garlands etc. will be presented at this time and drivers will be interviewed by the race commentator if time permits.

RACE CENTRE HOSPITALITY

I am delighted to announce, Alan Sycamore of Sycamore Hospitality will again be supplying your hospitality this season. Bacon rolls will be available early morning with tea and coffee available throughout the weekend along with a selection of cold drinks. Lunch will be available both days on two-day meetings. Please can I remind you that this hospitality is available to drivers and their spouses, the invitation is not extended to include large parties of friends, families and sponsors. Please help us to continue to run this facility as well as in the past and your co-operation would be appreciated. If you do have a requirement to entertain some sponsors or guests, please call Alan direct and I know he will be only too pleased to discuss your needs and assist if possible. He can be contacted on 07836.253343.

PADDOCK ARRANGEMENTS

Richard Trinder has been appointed by SRO to co-ordinate the paddock parking arrangements at all F3 meetings. A paddock plan has yet to be prepared for Donington and I will circulate it as soon as I receive it. If you have not already done so, could you please let me have sizes of your transporter to include awnings. Please note there will be no cars allowed in the paddock

DRIVERS' BRIEFING

Your attendance at a Drivers' Briefing with our Clerk of the Course will be mandatory. You will be advised of the time of the briefing on Saturday morning. Please ensure you know where and when it is and that you are there on time.

SCRUTINEERING

This year we welcome Ian Billett as our Championship Eligibility Scrutineer along with Kev Lewis as his Deputy and I would like to welcome them both.

PERMANENT CLERK OF THE COURSE

Our permanent Clerk of the Course for 2005 will be Bernard Cottrell, Chairman of the BRSCC and Senior Race Official. Bernard will be available for the majority of our meetings. I have worked alongside him with the T-Car Championship for the last four seasons and will be doing so again this year and I know I can rely on his help and assistance in this my first year of Caterhams. Bernard is always more than ready to help at any time so please feel free to approach him should you have any queries.

PRESS AND MEDIA

Nick Carter, husband of Kay who retired as your co-ordinator last season handing the reins to yours truly, will again handle Caterham Press and Media. I look forward to working with all personnel, teams, drivers and sponsors during the coming year.

TESTING OULTON PARK

After chasing Oulton Park for the last three weeks, they have now come back to me and offered testing on Friday 22nd April. The costs are £175 Full Day, £135 Morning only, £95 Afternoon only. Please call the circuit direct to book on 01.829.760301.

Well, what a season it looks like being with the Caterham Powertrain Challenge being the pinnacle of Caterhams National Racing programme. As you can see by all that is offered in the Championship with the Sponsors and Trade Partners, it continues to offer the best value competitive racing in the U.K. and I hope you share my excitement at the start of the new season.

Look forward to meeting you all at Donington.

Best regards

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