

NEWSLETTER

8 October 2002

Caterham Festival

What a fantastic weekend! I think everybody will agree, apart perhaps from those who went home with misshapen machines, that the Brands Hatch Festival was a tremendous success.

Despite the many accidents, of which more later, I think the Superlight Challenge race was certainly one of the highlights. Very well done to John Gladman and Philip Gladman for staging such a superb flying finish, to Jason Sutherland on his third place, and to Pete James for taking fourth (and for winning the 'Old Farts' race, of course!).

Ten non-finishers from 24 starters is hardly the best result, even for a final round, but nearly all of you went off on the oil or as a result of someone else's mishap, so we'll let it pass this time!

I can hardly believe that the season's over... but then I'm sure 2003 will come around all too soon. We'll bring you more news of next year's championship as soon as we can.

Finally, a very big pat on the pack to Barry Horne who, I'm sure everyone will agree, is a very worthy Caterham Superlight Challenge champion indeed. Good luck with your future career, Barry.

Scrutineering

The many engines and other components sealed at Thruxton were inspected at the workshops of both Minister and Caterham

Cars and were all found to be legal and correct. The Thruxton results are therefore declared final.

At Brands, car no 82 was excluded from the results for being underweight.

Endurance race

We have received notification from Trophées Organisation et Promotion (better known as TOP) in France of a special 700km endurance race at Magny Cours on 9/10 November.

Further details are available from Jean Paul Couillot at TOP, tel +33 466 232304 or fax +33 466 232018. email toporgan@aol.com web www.top.fr

Awards evening

... and if you're not heading for France, remember that the Caterham Awards is at the Copthorne Effingham Park near Gatwick, Surrey, on 9 November.

Tickets are £45 a head including dinner, dancing and a live band. Call 01883 333700 to book or email sales@caterham.co.uk

Television times

There has been a very small revision to the screening times. The Thruxton race will now be shown as follows: 9 October: 1730 Sky Sports 2 & 2200 Sky Sports 3; 10 Oct: 0130 SS2, 1430 SS3 & 1700 SS2.

The Festival will go out 23 Oct 2130 SS3, 24 Oct 1030 SS2 & 1730 SS3.

Kay Carter

Nimes, 14th September 2002

GENTLEMEN'S ENDURANCE CHALLENGE 7th T.O.P. at Magny Cours

**Modern Endurance 700km (2 x 350km rounds)
9th and 10th November 2002**

Greetings to you all,

The next endurance race that we are organising will be held at Magny-Cours on **9th and 10th November 2002**. This will be the follow-on from the 500km Seven that we organised nine years ago on the Paul Ricard circuit.

Last year's event was a success with some 36 cars on the starting line and over 100 drivers including some prestigious names: Jacques Tropenat, Thierry Depoix, David Velay, Ross Maxwell, Jean Philippe Belloc...

This year, the challenge will be held over two rounds of 350km each, the first on Saturday afternoon, the second on Sunday. This will enable any cars that have to retire during the first round to take part in the second. Test laps can be run on the Friday. Timed trials will be held on Saturday morning during 60 minutes. As for last year, cars that break down on the circuit will be brought back to the stalls where they may be repaired and rejoin the race.

The entry fee is €1330 including seven hours circuit time. All drivers will receive a "**700km Magny Cours 2002**" trophy.

Two or three drivers may be entered per car.

For British teams, the entry fee is €1150 (-15%) from an entry level of 10 cars.

Five sprint races will also be held during the weekend, you have priority reservation for the stand. If you wish to reserve one, please call the circuit as soon as possible:

Pierre Michaud +33 (0)3 86 21 80 00 – you may have two cars per stall.

Hotel: we have negotiated special rates for participants with the Holiday Inn which is next to the circuit. €60 for a single room with breakfast and €66 for a double room with two breakfasts. For these rates, mention your participation in the Endurance Race when reserving your room.

For the **ferry** or the **hoverspeed**, we advise you to get in touch with Allsports Logistics Mr David Higgs. Tél:1873 859500 Fax: 1873 858513.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Jean Paul COUILLOT

You will find the regulations on our web site: www.top.fr