

NEWSLETTER

24 July 2002

Rockingham

Well done to all of you, and in particular Barry Horne and John Gladman, for putting on such an excellent (and clean!) race at Rockingham. It's a track which seems to suit the Superlight very well.

Well done also to Dillon Battistini for coming in at the last minute, qualifying third and making such a storming start. Fourth place and the Minister Driver of the Day award were well deserved. Hope we'll see you back soon, Dillon.



Special mention also to Charlie Butler-Henderson, who returned after so many weeks of discomfort after his Thruxton crash. Welcome back, Charlie.

Poor Alan Sycamore was somewhat overrun at Rockingham but coped fantastically well, as always.

Please, drivers, the Caterham race centre is just that – a race centre. The lunches provided are meant to be for the drivers and team personnel, although of course we don't mind feeding the occasional wife, girlfriend or child.

Please, if you're intending to bring a small army of supporters to the circuit, they can be accommodated for lunch only if a deal is sorted out beforehand with Alan. He can be reached on 01908 501896.

Grid numbers

The grid was somewhat depleted at Rockingham for a variety of reasons but we expect to back up around the 20 mark for Oulton Park, when we hope to welcome back Martin Gregory, Frazer Gibney, Jay Palmer, Steve Rigby and Pete James, who had to miss Rockingham after hurting his hand in his Castle Combe accident. Hope the digits are well on the mend, Pete...

It's worth pointing out to teams, perhaps, that if you have a chassis spare which has already raced in the championship this year, then there's no additional registration fee to pay. So long as the new driver fills in the paperwork with us (a week prior, please) and pays the race entry fee, there's nothing else to pay.

Closing date for Oulton entries is next Friday, 2 August, and an entry form accompanies this newsletter...

Television

The Zandvoort rounds of the Autosport Caterham Eurocup will be screened as follows: 31 July, Sky Sports 2 at 1700 &

Sky Sports 3 at 2130; 1 August, Sky Sports 1 at 1300 & Sky Sports 3 at 1500.

The Rockingham race will be on as follows: 14 August, Sky Sports 3 at 2130; 15 August, Sky Sports 3 at 1530.

Testing @ Oulton

A reminder that the only exclusive testing available to you on the International circuit is on the Friday prior to the meeting, 16 August, from 1400 to 1440. Cost is £65, please book on 01829 760301.

Caterham Festival

The provisional timetable for our grand finale has been drafted by Belinda Edwards, with Superlight Challenge qualifying provisionally set for 10am on the Sunday, 6 October, and the race planned for 1330. This is to enable the teams to run the cars in Eurocup spec on the Friday afternoon (qualifying) and Saturday afternoon (races).

There will be space on the Eurocup grid for extra Superlight drivers, with preference given to those drivers who have already contested a Eurocup race this year.

There is also likely to be an international all-comers event, of which more news later...

Technical bulletin

(ALL CATERHAM RACE SERIES)

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DE DION TUBES (Part No: 79028)

A number of improvements have been made to the production De Dion tubes. Part No: 79028. These are:

- Thicker, better quality steel for the tube itself as used in the current SV (from 12 gauge welded to 10 gauge seamless).
- Increased gauge (from 2mm to 3mm) larger footprint 'wraps or gussets' connecting steel endplate to tube.
- Double bonded Aframe bush to improve isolation and stop rear

suspension knocking. This requires a 3" fixing bolt (Part no: BF1/2x3) in lieu of the current 2 1/2 bolt.

- Deletion of the bush for upper damping mounting to improve tube integrity.
- 10mm increase in width to provide more tyre sidewall and brake caliper clearance.
- Nominal manufacturing toe-in changed from 1/4 degree in to parallel to reduce rolling resistance.

New specification tubes will be available from 22/07/02. There will be no increase in price as a result of the upgrade.

ENGINE MOUNTING BRACKET

(Part No: 72034)

A revised gusseted L/H mounting bracket for the MG Rover K series engine is available immediately. Price £20.69 + VAT.

BONNET HOLE BLANKING PLATE (Part No: 77758) – Superlights Only

After the induction noise problems encountered at Zandvoort recently an air intake hole blanking plate (Part no: 77758) will be made available. This plate can either be riveted or taped in place.

Please note, use of the plate is strictly forbidden in the U.K. Superlight Championship. Furthermore its use is recommended only at circuits where a reduction of noise is essential, as it will cause an increase in inlet air temp which will reduce power.

The plate will be available in early August at a cost of £8.50 + VAT.

FRONT ANTI-ROLL BAR

A new 9/16" diameter wide track front anti-roll has been introduced as a production part and is therefore legal in both the Roadsport and Superlight championships.

The new bar (Part no: 75559) is available from stock for £33.00 + VAT.

Kay Carter