



IGC CATERHAM SUPERLIGHT CHALLENGE

NEWSLETTER

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2002 provisional calendar

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we have been having some problems finalising and confirming the Superlight calendar. This is because of some date changes forced on us, and we are still trying to resolve the problems...

Since the calendar published in the 18 December newsletter, Octagon and the BRDC have moved the Silverstone fixture (previously 11/12 May) forward by one week. This will be a superb meeting, with European Touring Cars and FIA Sportscars as well as Brit F3/GT, and is on the full Grand Prix circuit. The timetable has yet to be finalised, but we are told there will be no requirement for Superlight teams to be present for the full three days of the meeting...

So that's the good news... The bad news is that because of the Silverstone switch, the Knockhill fixture (originally 28 April) has been moved to 11/12 May. We've thought long and hard about this and have reluctantly decided that we must as a result opt out of this meeting. If we didn't, there would be a total of five Superlight races at three meetings over three of the four weekends in May, which is simply too many in such a short space of time. A further complication for the teams is the Eurocup Spa meeting on 17/18 May...

So where does that leave us? We have several possible options for later in the year, but we are so far having trouble

pinning things down. As soon as we know where and when our 10th meeting will be, we'll let you know...

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| 13/14 Apr | Donington (National) |
| 3-5 May | Silverstone (GP) |
| 25/26 May | Croft (double header) |
| 22/23 Jun | Castle Combe |
| 20/21 Jul | Rockingham |
| 17/18 Aug | Oulton Park (Int) |
| 31 Aug/1 Sep | Snetterton |
| 14/15 Sep | Thruxton |
| 4-6 Oct | Brands Hatch (Indy) |
| +1 further double-header meeting tba | |

Testing

It has never been Caterham's responsibility to organise testing for Superlight Challenge competitors. This continues to be the case, and the onus will be on you, the competitor, to book your own testing time direct with the circuits.

However, we are endeavouring to get an indication from the circuits as to what provision will be made for Superlights prior to each of the meetings. Some of the circuits are more helpful than others, some are better organised. We don't yet have all the answers, so please bear with us...

We are very grateful to Belinda Edwards of Entreprix, who is talking to several of the circuits on our behalf, with a view to sharing sessions with her Junior Formula Fords. One of the tracks involved is

Donington, and we believe that we will be allotted slots there on Tuesday 9 April. Don't bother trying to book this date with the circuit until this has been confirmed.

Testing time on the **Silverstone** GP circuit will *provisionally* be available on 23 April; again you won't be able to book this until the date is confirmed.

Testing at **Croft** has been confirmed for 23 May, the Thursday before the race weekend; book direct with the circuit on 01325 721815.

Thruxton, as many of you will know, is extremely difficult to arrange for testing because of the severe noise limitations imposed on the track. However, fingers crossed, we are hoping to secure some time for Superlights on the afternoon of 28 August. Watch this space... This year's only other opportunities for unsilenced testing at Thruxton are on 13 February and 25 March...

Timing transponders

As in previous seasons, all Superlights will be required to carry MST timing transponders. There's a new deal for 2002: if you already have a transponder, it will cost you a £25 registration fee each season to use it; if you need to buy a new one, the price is £160 and you get to keep the unit for life. All prices are VAT exclusive. A form is attached...

Caterham Insurance

Caterham Insurance, which is operated through well known motor sport broker Egger Lawson, can offer cover for all track activities – for cars, trailers, transporters, personnel, you name it. Their number is 0845 978 2610, ask for Georgina Watson or Nik Kershaw.

Silverstone race

The BRDC is organising an event for all Caterhams on the Silverstone National circuit on 9 March. Entry fee approximately £140. Contact Jeremy Howkins on 01327 320379 or jeremy.howkins@brdc.co.uk

Superlight for sale

David Hornsey is selling his car. He tells us: "Ready to run in 2002 in Superlights and/or Eurocup. Spare sets of dry and wet wheels, one owner, 1998 chassis with 2001 season+ 7 races in 1998-1999 total running. Professionally built. Maintained to a very high standard. Includes some spares. £19,500." Phone: 07899 841720 dhmotorsport@eurosport.com

Championship registrations

Championship registrations for 2002 are coming in thick and fast.

There are many among you who haven't yet completed the paperwork or who haven't paid, so please let's be having you soon...

The list below is of drivers who have correctly filled in their forms and remembered to send their cheques:

Simon Crompton
Steve Frost
Frazer Gibney
Martin Gregory
Barry Horne
Pete James
David Knox
Ross Maxwell
Luc Paillard
Marcello Romano
Jason Sutherland

A tot-up of all the entries we know to be coming in suggest a regular grid size this year of at least 25 cars, with hire cars bumping up the number at individual meetings.

Farewells to a couple of drivers from last season who we know to be not returning: Simon Bennett, Philip Derby, David Hornsey, Peter Ratcliff, Stephen Worley and Nick Jacobs. Good luck guys.

That's all for now; more news as we get it...

Kay Carter, co-ordinator