



Nigel's notes – New VIF's

Everyone should have the new style electronic VIF as the old one is now obsolete.

The Published Regulations for the HSCC 70s Road Sports Championship are available to download from the Championships section of the HSCC website:

http://hsc.org.uk/images/70s_PublishedRegs_2015_06.03.pdf

All cars in Classes A to F must have current HSCC Vehicle Identification Forms. No competitor can claim Championship points unless the VIF has been approved by the Registrar.

Nigel Edwards will be carrying out random checks at events.

All necessary documentation, including HSCC vehicle identity document, and current valid MOT must be available for checking at all rounds when signing-on.

Competitors who are claiming Road Driven points are reminded their cars must have a valid insurance certificate for use on the road.



How to Apply for a New VIF

To apply for an HSCC Vehicle Identity form please follow the link highlighted on the HSCC website Championship page:

<http://hsc.org.uk/championships>

This is a Word Document, which you should download and complete on your computer. Then e-mail the completed form in Word format (not pdf) to the HSCC office@hsc.org.uk.

When the completed form is received at the office it will be forwarded to the appropriate Registrar who will inspect your car at the first available race meeting.

Providing the car conforms to the regulations and paperwork presented, upon receipt of the £50 registration fee the completed paperwork will be returned to you.

Silverstone International BRDC Dinner

The HSCC is hosting a three course 'Summer Dinner Party' in the BRDC Clubhouse, for competitors and their guests on Saturday 16th May 6.30 – 7.00pm. Tickets are still available priced at £35 each.

A booking form was sent to all competitors with the race entry forms and is also available to download from:

http://hsc.org.uk/images/Ticket_Booking_Form_-_blank_v1.pdf

Thruxton Easter Revival

05 April 2015

In the desire to add some variety to the weekend, the 70s race was on Sunday this year, the warmer of the two days, but warmer is a relative term when mentioned in context with the old airfield circuit.

Even though this is the first race on calendar only fifteen 70s competitors presented themselves for qualifying, three of which were new members.

Thruxton is quite a daunting circuit for many and the ex Ollie Ford Europa now owned by Steve Skipworth was extensively damaged in one of the Friday test sessions.

Paul Stafford was restricted to a few slow lap during qualifying due to a failing prop-shaft UJ and Mark Oldfield's engine decided it didn't like the fast flowing corners so along with Paul took no further part in the proceedings.

Novice Will Leverett having taken over his father's Porsche 911 quickly showed his natural ability, qualifying fourth on the grid and a bit over three seconds clear of Mark Leverett, in the ex Alan Harper Elan.

Peter Shaw put the newly re-furbished engine in his Tuscan to good use putting in a time which took pole by just one hundredth of a second from Charles Barter



in the 240Z, with James Dean's Europa a further four tenths behind.

As we have come to expect David Karaskas in the little Midget put himself with a group of bigger engine cars in the middle of the grid which were separated by less than half a second.

Peter Shaw lead from the start through Allard and up to the complex at Campbell and Cobb; in the meantime James was determined to find a way pass Charles.

The Europa made the move on the way through Brooklands and dived up the inside on the entry into the Club chicane, then immediately spun in the left kink coming to rest out of harm's way.

Whilst Charles tried to wind in the TVR James was on a mission setting fastest lap after fastest lap. Just before the end of the race James passed Peter for the lead and Charles followed him through almost immediately to take second place as they crossed the line in close formation. Will Leverett continued his excellent run to finish where he started in fourth place

Matt Nichols, TVR 3000M, and Neil Brown in a glorious Lotus Eclat have also joined our Series as novices and both thoroughly enjoyed their first race with us.

Will Leverett made a good impression at Thruxton driving consistently to qualify and finish 4th in the Porsche previously raced by his father.



Snetterton Three-Hour – Road Sports Challenge Trophy

A special Inter-Championship Award will be presented for the Road Sports races at the Historic Sports Car Club Autosport Three-Hour meeting at Snetterton on Saturday 13 June.

The weekend will feature a combined double-header for the Historic Road Sports and 70s Road Sports Championships and the HSCC has decided to introduce some Inter-Championship rivalry into the pair of races.

The first 10 overall finishers will earn team points on a sliding scale and the best team total across the two races will win the Inter-Championship Trophy.

Racing a combined grid in this way adds a new fun element for the competitors, a view confirmed by Grahame White, CEO of the HSCC

"Our Road Sports races always have wonderfully varied grids," he said. "This is a neat way of adding another dimension to the races and I hope the competitors will enjoy some friendly competition between the marques."

This was tried a few years ago when Road Sports shared a grid at the 2007 Silverstone Classic competing for the Stirling Moss Trophy.

Win Percy Trophy – Novice Award

70s Road Sports novices will contest the Win Percy Trophy. The award is named in honour a driver famed for competing in cars of the type now used in the Championship.

Launched last December from the HSCC stand at the Classic Motor Show at the NEC, the scheme will reward the best novice in the championship with a prestigious end-of-season trophy as well as an entry fee voucher for the 2016 season.

Points will be awarded to competitors in Classes A to F listed as classified finishers in the Final Results.

Eligible competitors 2015:

- 12 Neil Brown – Lotus Eclat
- 19 Will Leverett – Porsche 911
- 33 Matt Nichols – TVR 3000M
- Chris Fisher – Arkley

Stirling Moss Trophy 2007

Race 1		Race 2	
01	70s	01	70s
02	HRS	02	70s
03	70s	03	70s
04	70s	04	HRS
05	70s	05	HRS
06	HRS	06	70s
07	70s	07	HRS
08	HRS	08	70s
09	70s	09	70s
10	70s	10	70s

Send in your entry and become part of the 70s team.



Bob Trotter 1947 – 2015

Most 70s competitors were aware that Bob Trotter had been diagnosed with lung cancer the day before the Oulton Park Gold Cup last year. He finished 2nd in class in his last race.

As we had come to expect of Bob he refused to accept defeat and was planning to drive his camper to Thruxton to spectate, unfortunately he just ran out of time. Bob was at home with Jan when he died on Sunday 12 April.

Bob's funeral was held on 23 April which would have been his 68 birthday. There follows a few of the messages of condolence that were posted on-line.

A privilege to have known, raced and laughed with Bob and of course I never came remotely near keeping up!

Bob will be sadly missed, both for his humour and his competitive streak.

So happy in the paddock, so hard on track. Going to miss you Bob.

Bob seemed to navigate through his rapidly developing illness with great fortitude and realism. An example to all of us. RIP Bob

So sad, love and thoughts to Jan and the family. He will be very sadly missed by us all.

HANS or No HANS

The MSA announced last year that a FIA approved Frontal Head Restraints (FHR) device, will be a mandatory requirement from 1st January 2016.

There follows an (edited) viewpoint posted on the TenTenths forum by Peter Wray after his son's Lotus Cortina rolled at Thruxton.

“ My son, Dan Wray, was the unfortunate one that rolled in practice at Noble, after the rear offside wheel come off as the car turned in to the fast left hander.

The car rolled several times hitting the ground two or three times before coming to rest on it's wheels.

Most importantly the HANS stopped his head from moving around too much and there is not a mark on his helmet.

If anyone still doubts the value of HANS please think again. I know they are expensive but your head is priceless. ”

To view the full post visit:

<http://tentenths.com/forum/showthread.php?t=143893&page=4>



70s Road Sports calendar 2015

4-5 April	Thruxton (Easter)	20 minute race
16-17 May	Silverstone International	20 minute race
30 May	Donington	20 minute race
13-14 June	Snetterton (combined with HRS)	2x 20 minute races
27-28 June	Cadwell Park	2x 20 minute races
11-12 July	Brands Hatch Super Prix	20 minute race
8-9 August	Croft Nostalgia	2x 20 minute races
29-31 August	Oulton Park Gold Cup	20 minute race
19-20 September	Spa Six Hours	2x 30 minute races
26-27 September	Brands Hatch Indy	20 minute race
17 October	Silverstone Finals	20 minute race
31 October	Walter Hayes Trophy	50km race
28 November	HSCC Annual Awards Dinner	

Spa 6 Hours Weekend

18, 19 & 20 September 2015

The HSCC will be providing grids for closed wheel cars at Spa again this year with 30 min qualifying and 2 x 30 min races at this extraordinary historic festival, a great weekend on a classic circuit.

Blog of the Month

<http://classiccarsdriven.com/70s-roadsports-thruxton-2015/>

TVR race Matt Nichols has written blog describing his personal experiences and challenges of competing at Thruxton with 70s Road Sports.

Charlie Wooding

<http://charliewooding.co.uk/v/photos/79952fdn/C177992202>

To view or order the 70s Road Sport Thruxton race images click on the link above.

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Road-Sports/253593504740651>

70s have a Facebook page, it is usually updated before each event and other stuff is added from time to time if it is relevant or amusing.

Live timing

<http://www.mstworld.com/motorsport/livetiming>

If you are unable to attend a race this is a fascinating way to watch proceedings and stay involved.

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