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Better together

Charles Barter – 70s Committee Chairman



Without a Championship sponsor for a number of years the HSCC have been generous supporters of the 70s Championship, there is no better time than now to repay that faith.

We have systematically been building resources to enhance the series, Facebook, Twitter and the new website www.70sroadsports.co.uk all to improve social engagement with the wider world and to provide the media with more accessible information.

The regulations have been more clearly defined for 2016 with regard to the Invitation Class and the presentation of the race cars, please read them carefully.

At the Silverstone Classic in 2008 Road Sports won a prestigious award for the best paddock presentation and that standard is what we should be aiming to achieve at every meeting we attend.

We made a reasonable effort at Croft this year and it was very much appreciated, also resulting with a photograph of our line up on the Circuits social media site. The Oulton Park BBQ, celebrating the life of Bob Trotter, was a tremendous success, thanks mainly to Jim Dean, Alex and Anne Bage; we would like to repeat this event on a number of occasions at the two day

meetings next year – details will be available in the Newsletters and on social media.

We are privileged to be able to race at some of the best events in the UK and Spa in 2016, let's rise to challenge and show everyone that we really are one of the best Championships in the UK.

The cars are great and the driving standards are excellent, in 2015 we consistently provided some of the best and closest races throughout the field on the HSCC event programme, let's build on these foundations and be better and shinier in 2016. Many thanks to all involved, particularly the Committee, Jim Nairn, Jim Dean, Alex Bage and brother Robert who go well beyond normal involvement and make our Championship very special.

We don't want team trucks or gin palaces, just to keep it simple and our Series will remain a great place to race.

Have a splendid Christmas, looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the 70s dinner in February.

Charles Barter

The Award winning Road Sports paddock presentation at the Silverstone Classic 2008, we really are a great place to race.



Silverstone Finals Meeting

17 October 2015

As soon as the timetable was published for the HSCC Championship Finals it was apparent that 70s had the opportunity to provide a rather special end to their season and yet again they exceeded expectations.

With practice not starting until 11.50 there was plenty of time to chew the fat over a bacon sandwich and a mug of tea with fellow competitors whilst reflecting on the season.

It was unfortunate that with an impressive 31 cars entered they were split between the pit garages and the outer reaches of the paddock. Although with past experience of the Silverstone micro climate, it was reasonable that competitors arriving on Friday should take advantage of the sheltered accommodation.

Despite the Championship positions already being sealed Jim Dean and Charles Barter raced just for the fun of it and as usual headed the qualifying list, separated by just 0.314sec. Steve Cooke gave his best performance of the year

to qualify just 1.168sec slower than pole sitter Jim Dean.

As has become normal in recent races the midfield were tightly bunched with 15th to 22nd place split by just over a second and the following 6 cars back to 28th place covered by just 0.800sec. David Lane in his Jensen Healey and Mark Dudley, Alfa Romeo Alfetta GTV returned for a final run out of the season, although Mark was disappointed to discover that his car had lost both power and weight.

With the race start set for 5.30 and the afternoon turning to dusk, competitors arranged themselves on the grid looking spectacular with headlights piercing the impending gloom.

The Firenza of Gary Fletcher limped away

In the impending gloom 70s assemble for the last race at the last meeting of the 2015 Championship season.



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Paul Stafford, Datsun 240Z and Jon Wagstaff Alfa Romeo 2000GTV, lead the competitive mid field, although there would be much jostling for position throughout the race.

into the first lap before grinding to a halt, which scrambled the Safety Car, resulting in a few anxious moments as the bunched midfield group slowed, but everyone sorted themselves back into their correct positions amicably by the time racing started again at the beginning of lap 2.

Charles lead the first 5 laps with Jim Dean never more than a few tenths behind snapping at his tail lights, Jim grabbed the lead briefly at the end of lap 6 before Charles asserted himself for a couple more laps, by this time the Datsun's brakes were beginning to glow and when the oil went down making things just a little more interesting, Jim's Lotus managed to eke out a small gap.

Steve Cooke's, Lotus 7 and Robert Gate's E-Type were having a spirited dice with the Jaguar jumping past the Lotus on lap 6 and just holding on to finish in front by 0.264sec.

Meanwhile after a storming second half to his season it was calculated that Chris Fisher could still steal the Novice Championship from Will Leverett. Ultimately Will drove a sensible race keeping out of trouble to gain sufficient points to clinch the cup.

Chris was pushed back to second in class by a fired up Peter Richards in the diminutive Clan Crusader who was finally able to demonstrate the potential of his car.

Brian Jarvis drove superbly to finish at the front of Class D, his championship aspirations stymied by not being able to enter sufficient rounds of the Championship.

The midfield group lived up to their practice form hustling and bustling throughout the race, however this almost caused a problem for Jim Dean as he was required to slice a path through the jostling pack to defend a late challenge from the BMW of William Jenkins.

With the Championship sealed this was all about racing at its purest, being the fastest on the day and even though the 70s racers were under no pressure to even bother to get out of bed in the middle of October, Jim Dean, Charles Barter and the rest of the grid grabbed this opportunity with gusto.

Sol et lumière was aptly a spectacular way to end the 70s season which has grown from strength to strength as the year progressed.



HSCC Awards Dinner

28 November 2015

The 70s drivers turned out looking clean and smart in their finery without a hint Brut 33 (someone might need to explain that to Will & Chris) to walk away from the HSCC Awards Dinner with a pile of trophies, easily the largest being the new Novice Award presented to Will Leverett.



In addition to the 70s Road Sports Championship Trophies additional awards were presented to the following drivers:

Jim Dean:

Lotus Trophy
Classic and Sports Car Trophy

Robert Gate:

Jaguar Trophy

Jon Wagstaff:

Alfa Romeo Samuels Trophy



70S CHAMPION 2015

Jim Dean - Lotus Europa

NOVICE AWARD

Will Leverett - Porsche 911sc

CLASS A		CLASS B	
1	ROBERT GATE Jaguar E-type	1	PETER SHAW TVR Tuscan
2	MARK BENNETT MGB GT V8	2	CHARLES BARTER Datsun 240Z
		3	WILL LEVERETT Porsche 911SC

CLASS C		CLASS D	
1	JIM DEAN Lotus Europa	1	JON WAGSTAFF Alfa Romeo 2000 GTV
2	MARK LEVERETT Lotus Elan	2	BRIAN JARVIS Porsche 924
3	STEVE COOKE Lotus 7	3	KEN RORRISON Alfa Romeo 2000 GTV

CLASS E		CLASS F	
1	DAVID KARASKAS MG Midget	1	CHRIS FISHER MG Arkley
2	DAVID TOMKINSON Triumph Spitfire	2	PETER RICHARDS Clan Crusader

70s Drivers Meeting

17th October – Silverstone

A well attended and lively 70s Drivers Meeting was held in the Paddock Bar at the Silverstone Finals meeting. There follows a summary of the items agreed which will be implemented in next seasons 70s Road Sports Championship Regulations.

Committee members

As reported in the July issue of the Seventies Newsletter Ralph Harwood-Penn stepped down as Registrar and the Class F representative on the 70s Championship Committee. Elected to replace Ralph in this role has been David Tomkinson.

Matthew Smith has been appointed as our new Championship Registrar. He has started working through outstanding VIFs.

Regrettably Howard Bentham has stepped down as the Class C Championship Committee member, Jim Dean was voted in as his replacement at the 70s Drivers Meeting.

We would like to wish Howard all the best for the future, his calm, measured and laconic approach to all issues whether technical or personal will be sorely missed.



Vehicle Identity Forms (VIFs)

2016 Championship Regulation:

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.

The Vehicle Identity Form is available on the HSCC website or email the HSCC: office@hsc.org.uk

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

The 70s Registrar Matthew Smith 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.

Vehicle presentation

2016 Championship Regulation:

Cars must at all times be entered in a presentable manner, in the true spirit of 70s Road Sports, including sponsors decals. Gaudy colour schemes are not acceptable.

Championship decals

All competing cars must display two HSCC badges and two 70s logos, one on each side of the car, towards the front and near the top of the front door; alternatively, if insufficient space available, at the rear and near the top of the front wings on a near vertical surface. The 70s logo to be placed, in line, and immediately below the HSCC badge. The two stickers to be of the same overall dimensions.

2016 Championship Regulation:

All cars in Classes A to F must display their class letter, available from the Office when registering for the Championship, immediately next to (5cm) and to the front of the competition numbers on both sides of the car.

New Class identification stickers will be provided for competing cars registered for the 2016 Championship, they must be displayed along with the HSCC and 70s Road Sports Championship logos as detailed in the regulations.

Proposed changes to the MSA

Permitted Tyre list 2016

2016 Championship Regulation:

Tyres permitted are any MSA Year Book, 2015 and 2016, Section L Tyres list 1A/1B. Tyres of the same type / compound must be fitted on both axles.

For 2016 the MSA will introduce a Tyre List 1C. This will be solely for Competition Tyres complying with EEC Regulation 30 and intended exclusively for racing.

Some of the tyres included in the 2015 Tyre List 1B will move to the new Tyre List 1C.



Invitation class

2016 Championship Regulation:

Invitation Class –Solely to encourage competitors to join the 70s Championship. Road Sports, GT and two door coupes from the same era may be accepted at the invitation of the HSCC.

In order to ascertain the competitiveness, presentation and modifications to the car.

A Vehicle Detail Form (VDF), available from the Office, the form will need to be completed at least four weeks before the event; an offer of acceptance or refusal will then be given within seven days.

Class structure 2016

HSCC 70s Road Sports Championship have revised some classes to encourage more competing cars, particularly MG Bs in the new 1601cc to 1800cc Class E, and greater participation in the small capacity up to 1600cc, Class F, this now brings together steel bodied and fibre-glass cars.

New Class Structure:

A Over 3001cc	D 1801cc to 2000cc
B 2001cc to 3000cc E	E 1601cc to 1800cc
C Lotus 1600 Twin-cams (Elan, Europa, Seven)	F Up to 1600cc

FHR / HANS Device

MSA Regulations 2016

I personally would advise all drivers to use one, as even in a modest frontal shunt de-acceleration can easily exceed 25g, making one's head weigh 25 x (say)10kg = 250kg. Could you support 1/4 ton by just your neck muscles? **NIGEL EDWARDS** MSA SCRUTINEER

Technical

From 1 January 2016 the use of an FIA-homologated FHR is mandatory in MSA National Events: *

**All drivers in Circuit Race events, with the exception of Period Defined vehicles (pre-1977).*

For details on Period Defined vehicles, please see the definitions in the MSA Yearbook Section B (Nomenclature and Definitions).

FHR standards

There are currently two FHR standards: FIA 8858-2002 and FIA 8858-2010.

The FHR will bear the FIA homologation sticker, in a prominent position, stating compliance with 8858-2010 or 8858-2002. A full list of FIA Homologated FHR systems can be found in FIA Technical List No.29.

The FIA Technical lists can be found on the FIA website at the following address: <http://www.fia.com/homologations>

Helmet compatibility

FHRs can only be used with helmets on Technical Lists No.33, No.41 and No.49. Additionally, for MSA National events only, they can be of SNELL SA2015 or SAH2010 standard:

FIA Technical List No.33

Approved helmets according to FIA 8860-2010 & FIA 8860-2004

FIA Technical List No.41

Approved helmets compatible with FHR according to FIA 8858-2010

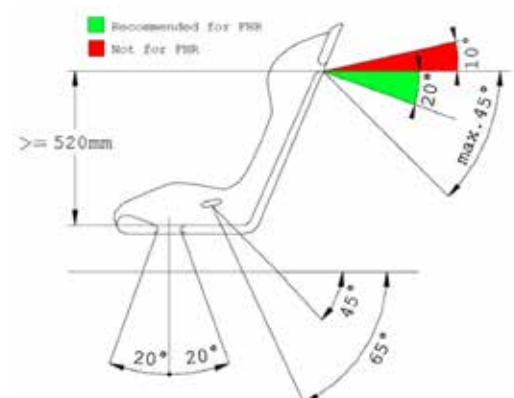
Approved helmets compatible with HANS according to FIA 8858-2002 Snell SA2005 & SA2010 standard helmets

FIA Technical List No.49

Approved helmets according to FIA 8859-2015.

Harness installation

When used with an FHR, the harness shoulder straps are recommended to be mounted between 0-20 degrees below the horizontal.



Website of the month

www.70sroadsports.co.uk

70s now have our own website, created primarily as a media resource to help the overworked HSCC Office, it provides the casual observer with an overview of the Championship and the HSCC. Including event calendars, Newsletter and In-car video archive. www.70sroadsports.co.uk



Currently divided into 8 sections the Home page includes a countdown timer to the next event:

70s Annual Dinner, 20 February 2016
(see the last page of this Newsletter for booking details).

At the moment the website only includes limited information about competitors but it can be expanded to include profiles of racers and their cars if that is something members would like?



70s Poster & Event Calendar 2016

£25.00 including p&p

A large format poster (841x594mm), printed on 200gsm paper and illustrated exclusively for Seventies, featuring the 2015 Championship title contenders, Jim Dean, Lotus Europa, Peter Shaw, TVR Tuscan, Charles Barter, Datsun 240Z and Novice Award winner Will Leverett, Porsche 911SC.

Available to purchase from Ebay:

70s Road Sports Motorsport Poster

<http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/-/201484564927?>

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I plan to be offering some motor-sport services next year: I now have a flow rig and specialised valve cutting equipment, so if anyone wants a top-notch head or inlet manifold/carburetors with the Bagnall magic please get in touch.

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70s Annual Dinner

Saturday 20 February 2016



The 70s Annual Dinner will again be held at The Lambert Arms, Aston Rowant, Oxfordshire OX49 5SB.

Which is just off Junction 6 of the M40.

www.bespokehotels.com/lambertarms

Booking instructions

1. Dinner

Will you please send a cheque for £35 per head made payable to:

"The Lambert Arms" to:

Robert Barter

Home Farm House

Holton

Oxford

OX33 1QA

Please let Robert have a note of your email address (or postal address for those without email) so that he can confirm receipt.

Robert's contact details:

Email: robert.barter@tiscali.co.uk

Telephone: 01865 872334

Mobile: 07986 989589

Robert will be liaising with the hotel regarding these bookings but the cheques will not be forwarded to them until a week or so before the event.

2. Rooms

If you wish to stay the night it will be £95 per room including breakfast.

Please make room bookings direct with The Lambert Arms on 01844 351496

Quoting the reference "200216ROBE".



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70s Facebook

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

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<http://charliewooding.co.uk/v/photos/87728wgg/C194037040>

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