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Present*



The Abingdon
LONG COURSE SPRINT

Sunday 2nd April 2023

A QUALIFYING ROUND OF
2023 ACSMC Hamilton Motorsport Speed Championship
2023 ASWMC Tyre Marks Sprint Championship
2023 AEMC and AEMC Key Guru Sprint Championship
2023 Revington TR/TR Register Sprint and Hillclimb Championship
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2023 Sevenoaks & District MC Speed League Historic Car Championship
2023 MG Car Club Speed Championship
2023 Classic Marques Speed Challenge
2023 Historic Rally Car Register Speed Championship

Looking at the long option!

Sutton & Cheam Motor Club and Craven Motor Club are pleased to present The Long Course Sprint, an Inter-club status speed event at the stunning Abingdon Airfield, Oxfordshire, home of the Abingdon Motorsport CAR-nival.

This will be the 5th running of the Long Course Sprint, an event which has grown enormously in its popularity and incorporates lessons learnt over the past 4 years of organisation at this fantastic venue.

As an alternative to the much-loved CAR-nival format (now in its 26th year!), The Abingdon Long Course Sprint is exactly as it says, a longer, more testing combination of the 2 CAR-nival courses, bolted together.

Beginning at the top of the airfield (where the Abingdon Course starts) the Long Course follows a similar route through the S bends until an open 90 left on to the cross runway. At the junction with the main runway, the course turns right before taking a hairpin right onto what many consider to be the best part of the course, complete with a fast left immediately followed by a 90 left back onto the perimeter road. Keeping to the right to avoid a small dip in the surface, you then enter 'Big Boys Corner' where there is a test of nerve to you see how fast you can take it. Having survived it's then heavy on the brakes for a 90 left to head back up the main runway with a small 'chicane' to scrub off speed before the finish.

All in all, a course distance of over 2 miles of fun to test man, woman, and machine.

PLEASE NOTE: It has been observed that the main perimeter road features a slight undulation on either side of the track, particularly on the left hand-side. It has been known to adversely affect the characteristics of some single seaters, particularly those running with a very low ground clearance.

It must be stressed that this is not the experience of other experienced Single Seater drivers. Nevertheless, these 'undulations' will be highlighted 100 metres in advance and drivers of cars that may be affected are recommended to keep to the centre of the track at this point.

If you are concerned, a 'recce' on foot should allow you to formulate the optimum line.

Following the success of the 2022 layout, interest is already very high, and we urge you to secure your place as soon as possible. The event is always a favourite amongst those traditional CAR-nival fans as it will allow them an early opportunity to get their hand in, ready for the big one on 10th June 2023.

Those that are local to the venue can enjoy a mid-afternoon noise and scrutineering session on Saturday 1st April between 2 - 4pm if required, and vehicles can be left at the venue overnight (strictly at owners' risk). Camping overnight will also be permitted.

Entry forms can be found at www.scmc.co.uk/abingdon-long-course-sprint and you are reminded that entry fees can only be paid via bank transfer via your banking app. **NO ENTRY IS ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT.**

The Long Course Sprint

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ARTICLE 1 – Announcement

- 1.1 Sutton & Cheam MC will organise an Inter-Club Sprint at Dalton Barracks, Abingdon, Oxfordshire on Sunday 2nd April 2023, jointly promoted in association with Craven Motor Club.

ARTICLE 2 – Jurisdiction

- 2.1 The meeting will be held under the General Regulations of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the F.I.A.), these regulations and any official instructions issued by the organising club.

ARTICLE 3 – Authorisation

- 3.1 The Motorsport UK Permit Number will be advised in the Final Instructions.
- 3.2 The event is open to competitors holding a valid Motorsport UK Competition Licence, and who are fully elected members of clubs who are affiliated to either: *The Association of Central Southern Motor Clubs*
The Association of South Eastern Motor Clubs
The Association of Eastern Motor Clubs
The Association of South West Motor Clubs
- 3.3 The event is a qualifying round of the following championships:
2023 ACSMC Hamilton Motorsport Speed Championship
2023 ASWMC Tyre Marks Sprint Championship
2023 AEMC and ASEMC Key Guru Sprint Championship
2023 Revington TR/TR Register Sprint and Hillclimb Championship
2023 Sevenoaks & District MC Speed League Championship
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2023 Historic Rally Car Register Speed Championship
- All competitors must produce valid club membership & championship registrations at documentation. Competitors must also produce valid MOT certificates and relevant insurance documents where appropriate to their class.

ARTICLE 4 – Timetable

- 4.1 The timetable for the event will be as follows: -
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| Entries Open | 4 th February 2023 | |
| Entries Close | 30 th March 2023 | |
| Final Instructions Published (Latest) | 24 th March 2002 | |
| Noise / Scrutineering Session 1 | 14:00 - 16:00 hrs | 1 st April 2023 |
| Noise / Scrutineering Session 2 | 07.00 – 09:00 hrs | 2 nd April 2023 |
| Documentation opens | 07.00 hrs | |
| Drivers Briefing outside HQ Marquee | 08:30 hrs | |
| Convoy, Practice / Timed Runs | 09.00 hrs | |
| Approximate Finish, Results & Awards | 17.00 hrs | |

ARTICLE 5 – Courses & Timed Runs

- 5.1 The event will comprise of approximately 3.6km / 2.25 miles of very smooth unbroken tarmac with several bends, chicanes and 90 degree turns.
- 5.2 Competitors will be given the opportunity of a convoy run, followed immediately by 2 timed practice runs from a standing start.
- 5.3 Competitors will be given the opportunity of 2 timed runs. If time and entry levels permit, there may be an additional non-mandatory third timed run which WILL NOT count towards the results of the event.
- 5.4 Should time limits dictate, the organisers reserve the right to establish results based on 1 timed run. Once each competitor has received the opportunity to complete first timed runs then competition will move onto second timed runs. Any competitor who has not completed their first timed run will forgo that run.

ARTICLE 6 – Practice & Start / Stop Procedure

- 6.1 Competitors will be required to attempt 2 practice runs prior to the commencement of timed runs. Any competitor who fails to complete at least 1 practice run prior to the commencement of Timed Runs may be excluded.
- 6.2 Competitors will be called in Class and Number order. Any competitor who (without the consent of the Clerk of the Course) fails to report for practice or timed runs within 15-minutes of being called MAY be refused a start.
- 6.3 It is the competitor's responsibility to report to the start line at the appropriate time. All runs will be from a standing start.
- 6.4 The starting order will be in class and number order where possible.
- 6.5 The starting signal will be a green light with competitors starting in their own time, SINGLY and within 15-seconds.
- 6.6 Timing will be via automatic timing beam and a competitor's time will start as they break the beam. On completion of their run, competitors will break the finish beam at a point indicated by a chequered flag board. Competitors will then return to the paddock via the routes identified on the route card (sent electronically with Final Instructions).

ARTICLE 7 – Classes

- 7.1 Vehicles will be divided into the following categories (see S10 of the 2023 Motorsport UK yearbook) and classes:

A. Road Going Series Production (S.12.1.1), Specialist Production (S.12.1.2), Standard Cars (S.11.1) - Excluding cars in Appendix 1

1. *'Standard Cars': Up to 1600cc – 2wd only, list 1A tyres*
2. *'Standard Cars': Over 1600cc to 2000cc – 2wd only, list 1A tyres*
3. *Up to 1600cc - 2wd only, list 1A or 1B tyres*
4. *Over 1600cc to 2300cc – 2wd only, list 1A or 1B tyres*
5. *Over 2300cc - 2wd only, list 1A or 1B tyres*
6. *4wd of all engine capacities - with list 1A or 1B tyres.*

Road Going Kit Type and Replica Cars (Examples are included in Appendix 1)

7. *Up to 1800cc - excluding Motorcycle engine cars. list 1A or 1B tyres*
8. *Over 1800cc - including all Motorcycle engine cars, list 1A or 1B tyres*

B. Modified Cars (Series Production (S.13.1), Specialist Production (S.13.2) Excluding those listed in Appendix 1:

9. Up to 1400cc

10. Over 1400cc to 2000cc

11. Over 2000cc

Kit Type and Replica Cars (Examples as per Appendix 1)

12. Up to 2000cc

13. Over 2000cc - and all Motorcycle engine cars.

C. Sports Libre Cars (S.14.1)

14. Sports Libre with 'Car' engines up to 1800cc and Motorcycle engine cars up to 1100cc.

15. Sports Libre with 'Car' engines over 1800cc and Motorcycle engine cars over 1100cc.

D. Racing Cars (S.15.1.1)

16. Racing Cars up to 1,100cc and Racing Cars conforming to 'Formula Ford' specifications.

17. Racing Cars over 1100cc

Appendix 1: *Two-seater cars such as Caterham, Westfield, Sylva, Fisher and Lotus 7, Elise, Exige and 340R, Vauxhall 220, X-bow- and similar types / derivatives.*

Note 1: *Engine capacity increase/decrease factors: a. Forced induction, an increase of 40%, except for 'Standard Cars' where an increase of 70% should be applied. Rotary engine cars, an increase of 50% on the real capacity.*

In the event of a dispute concerning the compliance of a vehicle to the regulations for the event the onus will be on the competitor to prove the compliance to the organisers. Road going cars must be taxed, insured and fully MOT tested (where necessary) and road legal in all respects. Documentation must be available at signing on if verification is requested or required by individual classes.

ARTICLE 8 – Results & Awards

8.1 Interim results will be published throughout the day via the webpage (www.scmc.co.uk) with live footage being available via the Team Tempest YouTube Channel. Those wishing not to be featured should advise the Secretary of the Meeting in advance.

8.2 Results will be based upon the fastest time recorded.

8.3 Provisional Results will be published as soon as possible after the final timed run and will be displayed on the Official Notice Board and via the internet.

8.4 Ties will be resolved in accordance with S9.5.6.

8.5 Protests must be made in accordance with C5.1

8.6 Awards will be presented as follows

Fastest Time of the Day

Class Awards:

1st in class (Subject to a minimum of 4 entries in class)

2nd in class (Subject to a minimum of 6 entries in class)

3rd in class (Subject to a minimum of 8 entries in class)

ARTICLE 9 – Entries

- 9.1 Entries can be made online at www.scmc.co.uk/abingdon-long-course-sprint/.
- 9.2 Enquiries should be sent to: Pam Guess, 8 Bethel Lane, Upper Hale, FARNHAM, Surrey. GU9 0QA e-mail: entries.secretary@aol.com Tel: 01252 727390
- 9.2 The total entry fee is **£145** up to and including 30th March 2023. Upon entry, fees must be paid within 24 hours by bank transfer. **Until payment is received the entry will be deemed as not accepted.** Payments by BACS must use the name of the DRIVER as a reference.
- 9.3 Should the figure in 9.5 & 9.6 not be reached, the organisers reserve the right to cancel the meeting and / or amalgamate classes as appropriate.
- 9.4 The organisers reserve the right to accept entries after the closing date should the maximum number of entries down in 9.7 not be reached.
- 9.5 Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Please note that Championship contenders MUST place their entries as soon as possible to ensure acceptance as no priority will be given.
- 9.5 The minimum entry for the event is **50**.
- 9.6 The minimum entry for each class is **4**.
- 9.7 The maximum entry for the event is **130**.
- 9.8 Entries CANNOT be reserved by simple email message and incomplete forms may be void and deemed as not accepted.
- 9.9 Due to the prior amount of speculative and subsequently cancelled ENTRIES, any entry withdrawn before the closing date will be refunded less £30. Refunds will only be at the organiser's discretion and only if the places allocated to a reserve.

ARTICLE 10 – Officials of the Meeting

- 10.1 The Officials of the event are as follows:

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| Motorsport UK Steward | TBA | |
| Club Stewards | Paul Hopkinson / Sarah Johnson | |
| Clerk of the Course | Chris Phillips | 07836 250065 |
| Deputy Clerks of the Course | Tony Perrett / Martin Douglas | |
| Course Controller | Gavin Cross | |
| Secretary of the Meeting | Lawrie Cooper | 01189 419142 |
| Entries Secretary | Pam Guess entries.secretary@aol.com | 01252 727390 |
| Chief Marshal | Dave Whyman davewhyman@hotmail.com | 07831 671308 |
| Safety Officer | James Bates | 07775 686660 |
| Competitor Liaison | David Penn | 07969 826837 |
| Chief Scrutineer | Scott Stutchbury | 01932 848799 |
| Environmental Scrutineer | Mike Hall | 01189 712747 |
| Chief Timekeeper | Neil Samuel | 07505 393019 |
| Communications Officer | Sue Fielding | 01252 628020 |

PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE OFFICIALS AFTER 22.00 HOURS

ARTICLE 11 – Judges of Fact

- 11.1 Judges of Fact will be appointed (G10.1) as follows:

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| Start Line Marshals | <i>Unsatisfactory or false starts.</i> |
| Course Marshals | <i>Incorrect route, touching course markers</i> |
| MS UK Envir. Officer | <i>Excessive noise/sound.</i> |

ARTICLE 12 – Modifications to Motorsport UK Regulations

12.1 Regulations of the 2023 Motorsport UK Yearbook are as written, except the following, which are, modified: -

- S9.2.1.1 Overalls Safety overalls must be in accordance with S9.2.1.1 and K.9.1.4 where class eligibility permits. In all cases, some form of fire-proof overall etc. must be worn during competition (Venue requirement).
- S9.2.1.2 Gloves It is mandatory for all competitors IN ALL CLASSES to wear clean flame-resistant gloves in accordance with K.14.3(e).
- S9.2.3 Double entries *Driver may be permitted to drive more than one vehicle although these must be in different classes. Vehicles maybe entered by 2 separate drivers in the same class (S9.2.4).*
- S2.1 Practice *Refer to Article 6.*
- S9.3.7 Flags **RED FLAG** means **STOP** on the left side of the course until given instructions by an official to proceed. Competitors ignoring this flag will be excluded. **THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL YELLOW FLAG** meaning **SLOW DOWN** and proceed with caution or as instructed by the marshals. **CHEQUERED FLAG or Board** means **END** of timed run.

ARTICLE 13 – Reminders

- 13.1 **NOISE:** Vehicles in Cat A and B must be silenced to road-going limits. All other vehicles must comply with Chart J5.18
- STRUTS:** Timing struts must be in accordance with S10.9
- NUMBERS:** Competition numbers WILL NOT be supplied although they will be on sale at Signing On. These must be in accordance with J4.1 and must be placed on a contrasting background.
- OVERALLS:** It is mandatory for all competitors **IN ALL CLASSES** to wear clean flame-resistant overalls and gloves (see SR.12). It is also recommended that flame-resistant underwear be worn.
- SAFETY:** All entrants must ensure that all persons connected with their entry have read and fully understood the following statement: - *'Every person participating in this event, whether employed or voluntary, shall take reasonable care for health and safety of themselves or other people who may be affected by his/her acts or omissions during the operation of the event.'*

ARTICLE 14 – Additional Information

- 14.1 The Official Photographer will be Mark Sims of www.rallygallery.com (01926 358036).
- 14.2 Food and hot drinks will be available throughout the day.
- 14.3 Spectators are NOT permitted on courses and access to the venue will be closed at 08:30am.

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