

NEWSLETTER

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The Dijon finale

Well done our champions! It's been a fantastic year for both Nelson Rowe and Oliver Bull and they both richly deserve their titles. And well done also to the behind-the-scenes heroes Richard Rowe and Bob Bull, without whom their sons wouldn't be half so quick...

Both the Dijon races were real crackers, with Clive Richards and Mark Humphrey the very deserving outright winners. Oliver won the Roadsport class in race one and Daniel Mitchell took the honours in the second; well done Danny.

An honourable mention also to Dominic Paul, who drove brilliantly to come back and take third place on Saturday morning, setting fastest lap on the way. Clive deserves a big pat on the back, too, for his three 2003 race wins and for keeping Nelson honest all the way to the final corner of a great season.

Well done to all of you, and particularly to those other hardy stalwarts who made the effort to be at all five meetings: step forward Jon Barnes, David Knox, Steve Frost, Sarah Reader and Steve Hindle and take a bow.

More opportunities to race

If you still have the urge to get on the track before winter sets in there are a couple of good opportunities open to you...

The first is the concluding round of the Caterham Yokohama Rial Challenge at the **Nürburgring**, 18/19 October, to which Wolfgang Becker is keen for all the support he can get. So keen, in fact, that



The victorious Nelson Rowe

he's offering free race entries to UK drivers (as well as the legendary Yokohama Suite piss-up). Contact Wolfgang directly for entries: tel 00 49 172 260 4042 or wolfgang.becker.car@t-online.de

The other opportunity is the now traditional Caterham Endurance Race at **Magny Cours**, 31 Oct-2 Nov, brief details of which are:

- One race, 750km or 6 hours
- 2 or 3 drivers per car
- 2x30min free practice Friday
- 1x60min qualifying Saturday

- Race 1030 Sunday
- Entry fee €1500 inc VAT
- Closing date 15 Oct
- Rooms available at nearby Holiday Inn €66 single/€75 double

Please don't call us! The man to contact is Jean-Paul Couilliot of the TOP Organisation, tel 00 33 0466 232 304 email TOPorgan@aol.com website www.top.fr

Annual awards evening

The date and venue for the Caterham Motorsport annual awards evening are confirmed as: 8 November 2003, Cophorne Effingham Park, Surrey.

Tickets are available now at £45 per head from the Caterham Cars sales office. Cheques/Mastercard/Switch payments acceptable. Please send all payments to: Andy Noble, Sales & Marketing Director, Caterham Cars, Station Avenue, Caterham, Surrey CR3 6LB. Fax 01883 333707.

Rooms can be booked with the Cophorne direct on 01342 714994.

Karting

The Caterham Graduates Racing Club is once again organising a karting challenge at Crawley on the Saturday afternoon pre-dinner, with teams from all the championships. The Eurocup team captain is Sarah Reader; please contact her if she hasn't badgered you to join already: sarah@sarahreader.demon.co.uk

2004 season

And so we can look forward to next year... A lot of you were asking at Dijon what the plans were for the 2004 Eurocup, and we're pleased to say that things will be continuing into next season pretty much as per 2003. That is with two Eurocup classes, one for the R400s broadly in UK championship spec and one for 1.6 Roadsports of all varieties.



Oliver Bull, Eurocup Roadsport champ

Where will we visit? Probably the same circuits again with one or two amendments; until we are able to compare the German championship calendar with the UK ones to see how they fit, then we can't say further than that.

You can plan on there being a UK double-header at the Caterham Festival, and we will be investigating the possibility of adding a sixth date in mainland Europe, so possibly 12 rounds rather than 10.

We'd definitely like to visit the Sachsenring again; Zandvoort has a question mark over it because of the noise issues and, yes, we do hear all of you clamouring for a race at Monza!

Thank you all...

From a personal point of view, I'd like to thank all of you for making the Eurocup such a pleasure to co-ordinate. Makes a great change to have a paddock full of happy, friendly faces, I can tell you... See you at the Caterham dinner, I hope.

Nick Carter