

NEWSLETTER

8 April 2003

Donington Park

A superb start to the season and two cracking races – thanks to all of you who made it possible and commiserations to everyone who went home either in pain or with their cars in a sorry state.

Very many congratulations to our two winners, Jason Dance (*below*) and Philip Gladman, and the Minister Driver of the Day award winners Dan Stilp and John Gaw. Dan, of course, holds the championship lead, which is not bad for first time out!



On the subject of damage, we had three drivers who sustained sprain injuries to their hands/arms – fortunately none too

severe – as a result of accidents involving other cars. There were plenty of bent cars, too, which may be good for Caterham's parts department but is not what we want to see.



A number of you were cautioned by our new clerk of the course, Dave Pierre, about overtaking under yellows, too. He has asked me to make it plain to you all that there will be no leniency on this at Croft or for the rest of the season. If you pass under a yellow you can expect a licence endorsement.

Similarly, if we have actionable reports of dubious driving standards there will be no hesitation in issuing harsh penalties.

Trophies & tyres

Trophies for first, second and third in each of the Donington races will be awarded at Croft; apologies that they weren't ready in time for last weekend but we hope the

chocolate was a more than acceptable substitute!

A reminder that our benevolent sponsor Cooper Avon Tyres is awarding prizes on the following scale this season:

- 1st 4 tyres
- 2nd 3 tyres
- 3rd 2 tyres



Round 2 winner Philip Gladman

Scrutineering matters

Our new technical commissioner Ian Millar asks me to remind all teams that parc fermé is just that, and that no work is permitted on the cars until they are released from parc fermé. This includes the taking of tyre temperatures and tyre pressures. In fact, no team member other than the driver should be present in parc fermé until called for by officials.

Television times

Hay-Fisher has notified us of the Sky Sports schedules for the first two meetings (these are subject as always to last-minute change):

Donington 16 Apr @ 1830 SS3, 2000 SS2 & 2300 SS3; 17 Apr @ 0130 SS2, 1330 SS3 & 1500 SS2.

Croft 28 May @ 2000 & 2330 SS3; 29 May @ 1230 SS2, 1430 SS3 & 1700 SS3; 30 May 0800 SS2.

Wedding bells

Our hearty congratulations to former Superlight frontrunner (and now R&R Team spannerman) Rob Griffiths and his fiancée Louise, who are due to be wed this Saturday, the 12th.

Rob is, by the way, selling his Superlight; contact him on roblou@ukonline.co.uk if you are interested...

Croft

And so to Croft, a timetable for which is attached along with an entry form. Please have your entries in to the BRDC by **Thursday 17 April** (to allow for the Easter break). Testing has been arranged for the Friday prior to the meeting, and it is not, you will be glad to learn, a 'quiet' day. A booking form is attached.

That's pretty much it, I think, but you know where we are if you need us! See you at Croft...

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2003 BRDC British F3/GT Series

Event 3 – Croft Circuit – 3/4 May

EVENT TIMETABLE

DAY	TIME	FEATURE	RACE
Saturday 3 May	09:30 – 09:50	1 st Qualifying – Avon Tyres British F3 - Scholarship Class	
	10:00 – 10:20	1 st Qualifying – Avon Tyres British F3 - Championship Class	
	10:30 – 10:50	Qualifying – Dunlop Mini Miglia Challenge	
	11:00 – 11:20	Qualifying – SEAT Cupra Championship (Race 1)	
	11:30 – 11:50	Qualifying – Powertrain Caterham R400 Challenge (Race 1)	
	12:00 – 12:20	Qualifying – BRDC Single Seater Championship	
		Lunch Break	
	13:20 – 13:40	2 nd Qualifying – Avon Tyres British F3, Scholarship Class	
	13:50 – 14:10	2 nd Qualifying – Avon Tyres British F3, Championship Class	
	14:20 – 14:40	Free Practice – Carlube TVR Tuscan Challenge	
	14:50 – 15:10	Qualifying – SEAT Cupra Championship (Race 2)	
	15:20 – 15:40	Qualifying – Dunlop Mini Se7en Challenge	
	15:50 – 16:10	Qualifying – Powertrain Caterham R400 Challenge (Race 2)	
	16:20 – 16:40	Qualifying – Carlube TVR Tuscan Challenge	
	16:55	Race 1 – BRDC Single Seater Championship	10 Laps
Sunday 4 May	11:15 – 11:45	Pit Road Walkabout	
	12:00	Race 2 – Carlube TVR Tuscan Challenge – Sprint Race	8 Laps
	12:30	Race 3 – Avon Tyres British F3 Championship (Race 1)	17 Laps
	13:10	Race 4 – SEAT Cupra Championship (Race 1)	10 Laps
	13:40	Race 5 – Powertrain Caterham R400 Challenge (Race 1)	30 Mins
	14:20	Race 6 – Dunlop Mini Se7en Challenge	10 Laps
	14:40	Race 7 – Carlube TVR Tuscan Challenge – Feature Race	10 Laps
	15:10	Race 8 – Avon Tyres British F3 Championship (Race 2)	17 Laps
	15:50	Race 9 – SEAT Cupra Championship (Race 2)	10 Laps
	16:20	Race 10 – Powertrain Caterham R400 Challenge (Race 2)	30 Mins
	17:00	Race 11 – Dunlop Mini Miglia Challenge	10 Laps

All details remain subject to change – see www.f3-gt.com for latest information

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CROFT
SATURDAY 3 & SUNDAY 4 MAY

The British Racing Drivers' Club will organise the British Formula 3 & British GT Race Meeting on Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 May at Croft (2.1miles). This meeting will be held under the General Regulations of The Motor Sports Association (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and these Supplementary Regulations and any ASR's or written instructions the organising club may issue for the event. Please read Final Instructions or subsequent bulletins issued to you for this event. The Organisers reserve the right to postpone, abandon or cancel the meeting or any part thereof. In this event the competitor or entrant has no right to claim against the Organisers in respect of any loss or expense he may thereby incur.

Title	Status	Fee	Passes	
			Personnel	Vehicle
British Formula 3	Int	N/A	Permanent Passes	
Seat	Nat A	£400	Permanent Passes	
TVR Tuscan	Nat A	£360	Permanent Passes	
Caterham	Nat A	£360	8	3
Mini Miglia	Nat B	£160	8	3
Mini Se7en	Nat B	£160	8	3

Late Entries will be subject to a surcharge of £25.00

Competitors in the British Formula 3 race must hold FIA International Race Licences/Medical Cards in accordance with the relevant Championship Regulations. Holders of licences issued by ASN's other than the MSA (or RIAC) will be required to show approval from their ASN to participate in the meeting.

Competitors in the Caterham, TVR and Seat races must hold a minimum of a National A Race Licence/Medical Record Card issued by the MSA or an equivalent Licence/Medical Record Card issued by the ASN of an EU member country or country recognised by the FIA under reciprocal agreements.

All other Competitors must hold a minimum of a National B Race Licences/Medical Record Card issued by the MSA or a valid Licence/Medical Record Card issued by the ASN of an EU member country or country recognised by the FIA under reciprocal agreements and these events are open to members of the organising club and the following invited clubs: BARC BRSCC, SRC and the Mini Se7en Racing Club. Licence/Medical Record Cards and Club Membership cards will be examined at Signing-on.

OFFICIALS OF THE MEETING:

Secretary of the Meeting: TBN

Entries Secretary: Mrs Carol Jeffs - 01327 320201

Event Director: David Scott

Stewards of the Meeting: TBN

Clerks of the Course: David Pierre

Chief Medical Officer: TBN

Chief Scrutineer: Chris Mount

Chief Timekeeper: Tony Daff

The Judges of Fact will be Judges, Timkeepers, Observers, Driving Standards Observers, Environmental Scrutineers, Environmental Inspectors, Scrutineers and Technical Commissioners.

STARTERS

The maximum in each race is as detailed overleaf as being allowed on the circuit under the terms of the track licence. The minimum number in each race will be 10, in each class 4. The organisers reserve the right to amalgamate races or classes or cancel races if insufficient entries are received to meet those minimums.

ENTRIES

The opening date is on publication. The closing date is 14 days prior to the starting date of the race meeting. In addition to MSA GR B.10.2 the Organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry at their discretion.

ENTRY FEES

Entries must be sent to the BRDC Race Office, Silverstone Circuit, Nr Towcester, Northants, NN12 8TN. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of receipt. Entry Fees MUST accompany Entry Forms. The competitor will qualify for a listing in the official programme of the sponsor/team name (no offensive or misleading statements, maximum six words). For all entries supported by an MSA issued Entrants Licence, the listing in the official programme must match the title on the Entrants Licence unless agreed in writing in advance with the organisers. Entries received after the closing date will be accepted or refused at the discretion of the club and be charged an additional £25.00. No entries will be accepted after the Wednesday prior to the Meeting. Bank charges for bounced cheques etc. will be passed on to the competitor by the Club at a rate of £25.00 per transaction.

REFUND OF ENTRY FEES

Cancellation of entry MUST be made IN WRITING to the BRDC RACE OFFICE. Entrants cancelling their entry prior to the closing date for the entries will receive a full refund of their entry fee. Entrants cancelling their entry between the closing date for entries and the Wednesday prior to the meeting will receive a refund of the entry fee Less £20.00 service charge providing all passes are returned to the BRDC Race Office by the Friday before the meeting. Competitors in multi class races who are nominated reserves who practice but fail to race will receive a £50.00 refund.

DRIVER CHANGES

Any application for change of driver or vehicle must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Meeting, in accordance with MSA GR B12.1.12 before qualifying and will be permitted at the discretion of the Stewards of the Meeting.

ELIGIBILITY OF VEHICLES

All vehicles must comply with MSA Vehicle and Tyre Regulations and the appropriate Championship Regulations.

NOISE TESTING

Noise testing may take place at the Assembly Area prior to practise or at any other time during the meeting. Competitors should ensure that they report to the Assembly Area at least 20 minutes prior to their practice session in order to avoid delays. The Organisers reserve the right not to permit vehicles to practice until they have passed a noise test. Vehicles joining the circuit from the Pit lane should also expect noise tests at a similar time prior to the start of their practice sessions.

COMPETITION NUMBERS

Numbers must be displayed in accordance with MSA GR E.11.3.11. It is the Entrants responsibility to ensure that numbers are clearly visible during practice and race. Holders of permanent numbers should enter that number in the appropriate space, otherwise the Organisers reserve the right to allocate numbers.

QUALIFICATION AND STARTS

There will be separate timed sessions for each race unless otherwise stated in the Final Instructions. Grid positions will be determined according to the times established in official qualifying. Grid formations will be as per Championship regulations or be confirmed in the Final Instructions. In races with classes, reserves will be nominated should the entry exceed the permitted number of starters. with MSA Regulations J.13.1 (a). Starts will be standing starts in accordance Any event with a rolling start will be run in accordance with MSA Regulation J.13.1 (b).

PITS

Cars calling at the pits during practice or racing must use the pit entry road. Failure to use the road correctly, crossing any marker line or not complying with directions given by pit marshals on entering or leaving the pits, may lead to exclusion.

TIMING

Individual times for Scrutineering, Qualifying and Racing will be notified in Final Instructions.

RESULTS AND PROTESTS

Provisional results will be published on the Official Notice Board outside Race Control immediately after each race. Protests must be lodged in accordance with MSA General Regulation 0.5.2.

AWARDS

All events: As per Championship Regulations.

**CROFT CIRCUIT
PRE-RACE TESTING**

Date of Test: **2nd May 2003** Booking Form/Invoice No: _____ Date: _____

Team Name/ Address	Driver(s) Names	Car Details - i.e. formula ford or Saloon	Cost - Per Car and one Driver
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Contact Name & Number & Fax Number	Paid By: (Cheques to be made payable to Croft Promosport Ltd.	Total Amount to be charged
	Cheque - Credit/Debit Card Number(No Amex) <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> Valid From _____ Expires _____ Issue Number _____	

Charges: **Formula 3, BRDC Single Seaters, Caterhams, TVR Tuscans**
£100.00 plus vat (£17.50) = £117.50
 2 x 40 min sessions (one am and one pm)

Mini's £50.00 plus vat (£8.75) = £58.75
 2 x 20 mins (PM)

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BOOKING FORM/INVOICE NUMBER _____

TO PRE- RACE TESTING ON **FRIDAY, 2nd May 2003** _____

DETAILS: _____

DATE PAID: _____

BY _____ TOTAL = £ _____