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NEW SPONSORS FOR 2009

There is no doubt it is going to be a tough season with this recession still looming its ugly head above so many of us. Surviving for the SRCC is all about getting people on the grid and if we can help with that just let me know. Remember we buy our track time so we lose all our sponsorship money making up the difference if our races are not supported. So yes speak to me if we can help to get you out on the track. With such great tracks and the Macau GP trip you have never had it so good so make the most of 2009 and come and play. Let's all worry about next year after the Formula Ford Festival!!

With all this doom and gloom it's a refreshing change to have some great news to tell...YES we have 2 and I mean TWO new sponsors for our Historic and Duratec championships.

I am so pleased to welcome on board **Xennia** our new Historic championship sponsor, the press release is on our web site. Xennia a printing technology company has signed a 3 year sponsorship deal which will give great stability for our Historic championship allowing it to continue to develop over the coming years.

Equally exciting is the sponsorship of our Duratec championship by the **March Racing Academy**. I'm sure you have now all seen the press release which is on our news section on the web site. I'm really excited about the **March Racing Academy** as having such a professional organisation supporting the club gives us a great safety net during the recession and they will promote their Duratec car both here and in the US and Europe which can only be good for Sports 2000. So often in the past manufacturers have either been short of cash or interest to promote their car and as a result Sports 2000 has not been promoted as well as it could have been.

It is all looking good for the future of S2 with the all new **Motus** appearing last year and this year we have the **RAY** and **March** cars. What other formula is still growing all we need is to get all the cars on the grid!!!

SPORTS 2000 DURATEC

April 12th	Silverstone International
May 1/2nd	Brands Hatch GP (A1 GP)
June 6/7th	Donington Park
July 11th	Oulton Park International
August 15/16th	Thruxton
August 29/30th	Snetterton
October 2/3rd	Silverstone GP
October 17/18th	Brands Hatch (Formula Ford Festival)

SPORTS 2000 PINTO

April 12th	Silverstone International
May 1/2nd	Brands Hatch GP (A1 GP) (Pinto Invitation)
June 6/7th	Donington Park
July 11th	Oulton Park International
August 15/16th	Thruxton
August 29/30th	Snetterton
September 13th	Mallory Park
October 2/3rd	Silverstone GP
October 17/18th	Brands Hatch (FF Festival)

SPORTS 2000 HISTORIC (Pre 83)

June 6/7th	Donington Park
July 11th	Oulton Park International
August 29/30th	Snetterton
October 2/3rd	Silverstone GP
October 17/18th	Brands Hatch (FF Festival)

SPORTS 2000 ENDURANCE 1 hr/ Relay

June 27/28th	Silverstone
August 29/30th	Snetterton

EUROPEAN RACE

SPA Postponed till 2010

**2009 SRCC Sports
2000 Calendar**

EUROPEAN RACE Our European race this year was scheduled to be at Spa and having booked it all up I later found it was cancelled. Perhaps this was a blessing in disguise in view of the recession and very poor exchange rate with the Euro. Cancelled it may have been but I prefer the word postponed as we will be there next year. I will looking at securing a couple of dates so we can guarantee to be there in 2010.

NEW WEB SITE I'm pleased to say I can now update our web site with a new design and new format. This will make it more informative and allow forms to be sent electronically as well as a host of other improvements.



Our stand at the Race Retro Show, already we can see a positive step forward with Xennia on board

SPORTS 2000 DURATEC

What a cracking season it's going to be with new cars and new drivers. On the car front we will have 3 new cars appearing during the 2009 season. The first to appear although sadly not at the first meeting will be the all new RAY. It is fantastic that this successful single seater manufacturer will be using the Sports 2000 car as its first foray into the manufacture of Sports Racing cars. I hope to be able to show the first pictures on our web site very soon.

Carbir, the US manufacturer of Sports 2000 cars has spent the winter updating their very successful S2 car with a new body design, sequential gearbox and various other changes. Looking forward to seeing what it can do in the hands of the Chris Snowdon, the new Carbir UK agent. Again it won't be ready for the first meeting at Silverstone and yet another absentee from Silverstone is the 2009 Juno of Bert Smeets, his car has experienced some delays in its build.

A fantastic development for Duratec and Sports 2000 is the re introduction of the iconic MARCH name. This very latest Sports 2000 will be making its first appearance at the Formula Ford Festival. Having an iconic name and I think an iconic shape grace our grid is all good news for the future of Sports 2000. The March Racing Academy designed to help drivers enter motorsport through a stable of Pinto Sports 2000 cars progressing to the new March Duratec car. This new car is based on the March 75S LeMans Group 6 car. The basic shape will be the same but with an all newly designed suspension/tub penned by a chief designer experienced in Prototype cars. If you google the March 75S you can see the shape is surprisingly modern for its age but still possesses that retro feel and that air box... fantastic I can't wait to see the finished car. The whole project has also been influenced by many of the original March key personnel with a long term goal to bring back the iconic name for the manufacture of the latest and most modern racing cars. I'm sure there will be several March Sports 2000 cars on the grid in future years.

On the competition side we have new competitors in both Pinto and Duratec.

On the Pinto side it's great to welcome back Barry Phillips in his 83 Tiga, Bruce Balchin in his Chevron B60a and new boys John Armour (Royale RP38), Kevin Cooke (Lola T492), Simon Lonnergan (Tiga SC85) and Barry Davison (March 83S). Welcome guys and those that are joining us later in the season, great to have you on board.

On the Duratec front there has been lots of car development to catch Rik Johnson. Several cars have been on rigs including Rupert Russell's Van Diemen and Robert Oldershaw's Juno. Then we have the unknown Motus, Bert Smeets's Juno, Miles Griffith's Lola and Patrick Sherrington's MCR which has had the Jenvey mods so expect that to be at the pointy end. Talking of Jenvey, their Gunn has had more modification over the winter so I do believe this is going to be Rik's toughest season to retain the coveted number 1 slot.

MACAU GP

This trip just keeps getting better all the time. The lucky winner, sorry I mean the VERY VERY lucky winner will have 2 tickets to fly out to Macau on Wednesday 18th November returning on Monday November 23rd. You will be staying at the Fortuna hotel which is the same hotel most of the drivers and teams are staying in and just a short walk from the race track. You will have 2 passes to use the Yokohama hospitality centre and grandstand seats for all days.

Again thanks to Yokohama you will be able to meet any of the teams or drivers.

If that isn't enough you will have the opportunity to visit China and Hong Kong while you are over there or even extend your return flight for more sightseeing.

So just to reiterate-

*Free return flights to Macau

*Free hotel accommodation

*Free full Yokohama hospitality for all days

*Free grandstand seats for all days

Macau GP has something for everyone, an exciting street circuit, World Touring Cars, International F3, motorbikes, a truly awesome experience and one that is seldom enjoyed due to its location on the other side of the world!!

All you have to do to win this trip of a lifetime is to enter 8 races and your name will then go into a hat to find the winner. The best odds you will ever have in any competition!!

The draw will take place at the Formula Ford Festival, all can watch the names put in the hat and the commentator will draw out the winning name which I hope will be mine!!!!!! So don't expect me to put my name back in if I win it!!

RACE REGISTRATION

Please note that you can pay the race registration fee on an event basis at £25 per race meeting if that helps.

VdeV UK

VdeV UK (now called SPEED) will now accept Sports 2000 cars as long as they have a dry brake refuelling system even if you run on Yokohama tyres!! Proving there is so much you can do with a Duratec Sports 2000 car!!

POLL RESULT

Being a democratic club I am compelled to give you the results from the poll to see if there was any support to introduce the minimum weight of the car to include the weight of the driver.

The total number of votes in support of this move was 3 (three).

The regulations regarding minimum weight will therefore stay the same.

FINALLY

Good luck to everyone and have an enjoyable 2009 season.

YOUR RACE NUMBER IS _____

HOSPITALITY

As you know I feel the hospitality is so important for the camaraderie of the SRCC. It therefore gives me great pleasure to announce the support of Alex Steeper who will help put the awning up and Sara Knox with mum will look after the food and drinks during the day.

Thanks to you all as that is one huge worry over!!

DRIVER/CAR PROFILES

At long last the new Car/Driver profile will be up on our web site this season. You will be able to do this on our new web site but until then please use this link to get the form. Then fill it in and email to Mike Lambert. www.gridshots.com/sports2000/download.html I will also have an archive for this section and also cars for sale which will be invaluable in later years to help track the history of cars.

PINTO INVITATION

There will be opportunities for Pinto cars to race in the following Duratec races as an Invitation class with a reduction of £100 off the entry fee providing you have already entered the Pinto race. These races are Silverstone International, Brands GP and Silverstone GP.

NEW MESSAGE

"SPORTS 2000 is cheap to run" that's the message we need to promote during the hard times, it must be one of the cheapest formulas out there but it is certainly not reflected in the look of the cars. The cars look so good people assume they cost an arm and a leg to run and it is this misconception that has stopped some competitors from joining our formula.