

SPORTS 2000 RACING CAR CLUB

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What an exciting season 2010 is going to be for the Duratec's, with Rick not racing, Mike Jenvey in the new March, Patrick Sherrington in the ever improving MCR, the Lola's of Miles Griffiths and Harry Chapman all bound to be battling out at the "pointy end". Then you have Robert Oldershaw in the Juno started well at the start of 2009 could he do the same in 2010? We have several dark horses such as Oli Stirling, will he be in Duratec? We must not forget the unknown new guys, who would you bet on?!?!? There are no certs that's for sure!!

It's great to see a new manufacturer with the appearance of the new March 09/R giving that retro look from the 70's Le Mans cars but underneath that gorgeous body lies the latest technology and thinking and with Mike Jenvey undertaking the track development you just know it's going to be competitive in its first season.

A new model from the popular and competitive Gunn series is another welcomed sight. The latest TS10 is already undergoing testing for the start of the season ready for its pointy end on the grid.

Then we have the RAY and the new Carbir, how will they fair??

Roll on the first race.....

Although Sports 2000 Duratec seems to grab most of the limelight the trusty Pinto's should not be overlooked. Popular as ever and what is so encouraging is that each year we attract new novice drivers into the formula and this year is no exception. I do feel this is the strength of Sports 2000 Pinto in that it is a wonderful training ground to bring new drivers into the formula.

With the Duratec ladder there for people to step up a rung if they want to go faster and mix it with the best there is a natural progression.

Who will dominate in Pinto for 2010? All will become clear on April 24/25th!

SPORTS 2000 DURATEC

April 24/25th	Snetterton
May 22/23rd	Brands Hatch GP
June 5/6th	Cadwell Park
June 26/27th	Silverstone Nat
July 31st	Oulton Park International
August 29/30th	Rockingham
October 1/2nd	Silverstone GP
October 16/17th	Brands Hatch (Formula Ford Festival)

SPORTS 2000 PINTO

April 24/25th	Snetterton
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June 5/6th	Cadwell Park
June 26/27th	Silverstone Nat
July 31st	Oulton Park International
August 21/22nd	Cadwell Park
October 1/2nd	Silverstone GP
October 16/17th	Brands Hatch (Formula Ford Festival)

SPORTS 2000 HISTORIC (Pre 83)

May 22/23rd	Brands Hatch GP
June 5/6th	Cadwell Park
July 31st	Oulton Park International
October 1/2nd	Silverstone GP
October 16/17th	Brands Hatch (F F Festival)

SPORTS 2000 ENDURANCE 1 hr/ Relay

October 23/24th	Brands Hatch
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EUROPEAN RACE

July 2-4th	Spa
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**2010 SRCC Sports
2000 Calendar**

SRCC HAS MOVED

I hope you have all now noticed that I have moved from 51 London

Lane to 14 Stratford Road, Sandy, Beds SG19 2AB. Land line and number due 18th March and broadband some 3 weeks later..... I have to thank those members that helped me with the move despite having paid help for 3 weeks with lorry and a removal company we still did not make the deadline and the amount of "items" left there gave me a few sleepless nights but without the SRCC helpers I think they would still be waiting to get in!! Downsizing on house and garage space will give me a few more months of stress but I am learning the error of my ways and now cutting down on the amount of "stuff" I have accumulated, i.e. the amount of items that I will get restored one day... despite the good intentions you just know it's never going to happen.

BUT the good news is I have lots MORE garden space so I will be taking a day off from bonding with nature to re-instate the infamous "Rocket Building Competition" and if you think racing can be dangerous then you clearly have not been to one of these competitions!!

RACE REGISTRATION FORMS

The race registration form is with this newsletter, the race registration fee has not increased and is the same as last year. This fee along with our sponsorship allows us to provide you with the level of service you have become to expect and ensures we visit the very best circuits in the UK and Europe. If you have been running with a particular race number in 2009 then you will have first call on that number providing you register before the 1st of April and have paid the registration fee.

SPORTS 2000 IN THE PRESS

What a fabulous amount of coverage we have been receiving in the press lately cumulating in the 5 page article on Sports 2000 in Autosport the other week. A lot of this is down to some of our guys bombarding the press with the latest news so thanks to Garry Gunn, Jonathan Loader, Mike Fry, Andy Mathews, Andrew Nimmo and others, keep it up guys.

HOSPITALITY

New for 2010 on the hospitality front is that our very own Chris Snowdon is going to look after the logistics of transporting and erecting the hospitality awning. We now have a state of the art blow up awning which is easy to erect and compacts into an 18 inch cube!!

The wonderful food will again be taken care of by Sara and they really do put on a fabulous spread so much so that this year you will NOT be allowed to pile up plates and disappear. The whole point of the hospitality unit is to get people together, bonding and camaraderie amongst Sports 2000 competitors and helpers. It is not there to provide a source of food for your friends to consume in their private locations. I do not want to start issuing tickets but last year it was being abused with plates stacked up with food leaving the awning so it ran out very quickly only to find wasted food left in the garages. So please DO NOT REMOVE FOOD, it is for consumption in the awning but obviously when there is no space or a driver wants a bite and has no time to sit down then we make allowances but last year we had a train of people coming in piling up the food and disappearing again, that is definitely antisocial behaviour and deprives others of food who happen to arrive a little late.

SPONSORSHIP NEWS

Fantastic news that Xennia will continue to back the Historic championship and the March Racing Academy will continue to sponsor the Duratec championship. Our continued success is down to Alan Hudd who has managed to organise the sponsorship, it has certainly allowed us to maintain our independence that enables us to provide you with the very best racing which is becoming synonymous with Sports 2000. Now can we find a sponsor for the Pinto championship?!?!?

HISTORIC S2

Sports 2000 Historic has the interest but did not manage to manifest this interest in grid numbers in 2009. I'm still convinced of its potential and for 2010 I will run it again with 2 stand alone races in the 5 round championship.

I hope you can back me up and get these cars out and on the grid to make the 2010 championship the best yet.

SPA 2010

Spa 2010 could become a news item to go down in the annals of Sports 2000 history as we are fast becoming a full grid of 52 cars for our race on the awesome circuit in July. We are already up to 48 so I think it will be a full grid, what a sight that is going to be.....

For accommodation look on our forum but don't leave it too late as there is a lot going on that weekend so everything is bound to be booked up early.

Driving Standards Keen as ever to maintain driving standards I'm pleased to welcome John Owen to help police and educate competitors on how to drive side by side without serious body contact.

John is a head teacher and racer, perfect for the job I thought!!! More info in the next newsletter.

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SCRUTINEERING MATTERS

Neil Procter has taken over from Mick Mobberley regarding all scrutineering matters and will be at most of our rounds.

Mick's involvement with running competitors directly or indirectly does put Mick in a difficult situation regarding the policing of the regulations.

It is important that who ever is in charge should be fair and unbiased but equally important is that everyone should feel that this is the case. As some competitors had reservations about such a dual role its in the best interest of the SRCC that an independent scrutineer be appointed.

On behalf of all competitors I would like to thank Mick Mobberley for his enthusiastic support and keen interest on technical issues helping us to maintain an even playing field.

If you have any concerns on a technical matter please speak to Neil at any of our race meetings or those members on the technical committee, Steve Morris, Rupert Russell and David Whitham.