



## MGCC Peter Best Insurance Challenge

### Newsletter 1 – January 2010

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2010

#### Everybody is waiting....

Mmmm, apologies for the pause in communications hopefully we will now pick things up a bit as the 2010 season rushes towards us.

#### Championship Registration

Accompanying this newsletter should be the registration form, if it is missing it should also be on the website by now. Please read it rather than just blindly filling it in because there are a couple of important changes.

Firstly, if you are sending it in the post it goes to Richard Tinkler not Maggie – further explanation later in this newsletter.

Secondly, the money gets paid differently!! We are no longer taking credit card payments because its just too much effort to set up for our new banking arrangements. We do accept cheques or direct electronic transfers to our shiny new championship bank account. Details are on the form.

If you raced with us last year your 2009 race number will be carried over into 2010 unless you ask for a different number. New competitors wanting a particular number should enter that on the form and we will see what we can arrange.

#### 2010 Regulations

The draft of the regulations was submitted to the RAC MSA over the christmas holidays and we are waiting for confirmation that they are acceptable and for a permit

number to be confirmed.

In the interim you can get your own copy of the draft from the website.

#### 2010 Race Dates

Our race dates are mostly with the MGCC this year although other possibilities are still being looked at. Unsurprisingly the British GP has had some effect and more significant is the effective loss of the International Circuit at Silverstone and any form of track at Donington Park. Encouragingly the owners of Donington appear to have repossessed their web addresses from the former promoter and will hopefully begin repair work once the weather improves.

Current MGCC dates are as follows:-

April 10 & 11 – Brands Hatch

Rounds 1 and 2

May 8 – Oulton Park

Rounds 3 and 4

June 5 & 6 – Silverstone

Round 5

September 4 & 5 – Cadwell Park

Rounds 6 and 7 plus split of classes so we have 4 races on the day

October 2 & 3 – Snetterton

Rounds 8 and 9

Brands, Cadwell and Snetterton are confirmed as double header rounds proposed at the drivers meeting, with Brands and Cadwell to be on the Sunday rather than spread over two days. The Snetterton weekend will again feature the relay race on the Sunday. Oulton Park has come up at the last moment literally as the club prepared



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the entry form for the meeting and has become a double header in the last couple of days. Your chairman and the few drivers canvassed all felt that if your making the journey then it was worth taking the extra race.

We are hopeful of a round at another circuit and will keep you posted.

Since the regulations list a set of provisional dates there will be a formal bulletin issued once we are able to confirm the dates.

### Entry Forms

A season entry form for MGCC events should also be with this newsletter so that you can get your entries in for the entire season. Remember that the money for a particular meeting will not be taken until the closing date for that meeting. Please keep a copy of the form you send in and if your payment details are likely to change during the course of the year then let the club know once you have the new details so they don't have to chase a failing payment in the run up to a race meeting.

Also, make sure you send it to the right address please.

Race numbers are as last year and if you are new to the PBIC you can submit the form with TBA in the race number box and once a number is allocated we will confirm your number to the club.

### Championship Contacts

Over the closed season we have had a couple of surprisingly willing volunteers join the committee.

Richard Tinkler has joined us as secretary to take the administrative burden from Maggie. Richard will be known to race regulars as the tall, quiet figure supporting Simon Tinkler at race meetings and is currently the manager of the Heritage Relay Handicap winning team! Richard came forward after the crowds cleared at the

AGM and volunteered his services which we have been slow to pick up on. Richard plans to be present at all race meetings but if he is busy getting Simon ready to race then have a little patience.

The other newcomer is also no stranger to race regulars, Peter Burchill has stepped up to be counted as our treasurer.

As a reminder here are the drivers class representatives. The email addresses are given and if you email them with any concerns they will try and help.

Please make sure you update the email address for Vic now that he is enjoying his retirement, emails to his work address will not help you.

Class A – James Darby

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Class B – David Brooke

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Class C – Simon Hutchinson

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Class E – Alan Brooke

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Technical Officer – Vic Young

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If you have a query then please ask someone, we will all do our best to help you sort things out. If you don't ask or leave a problem till later it might be too late for us to do anything.

### MSA Rule changes

Don't forget that the MSA Regs on fire suits and helmets have seen some changes.

Helmets must now have a fire resistant lining if they are approved to BS 6658. It is also likely that Snell 2000 approvals will end at the close of 2010 as Snell 2010



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approved helmets become available.

Fire suits must now comply with FIA 8856-2000, the old FIA 1986 is no longer valid for racing.

The safety car regulations are now an appendix in the blue book rather than given in full in our own regulations, section Q Circuit Racing – Appendix 2 for those looking for bed time reading. Make sure your familiar with them because if we get a race incident that causes deployment of the safety car and they are not followed then the red flag will fly and we are unlikely to get another chance!!!

### Video Clips

Please let Dave know if you are posting video on YouTube and want it added to the video gallery on the championship website. He knows who some of you are but it will help him if he does not have to go looking too much.

For 2010 we encourage you get quality copies of you video to Ben Jacques as the events happen through the year so that he has something to prepare more of his excellent year end videos from.

### In Closing

First joke of the year, not sure how long these will last....

*Over a remote Scottish island a helicopter lost power and was forced to make an emergency landing. Luckily there was a small cottage nearby.*

*The pilot walked over to it and knocked on the door.*

*"Is there a mechanic in the area?" he asked the woman who answered the door.*

*She scratched her head and thought for a few seconds.*

*"No," she finally said, pointing down the road, "but we do have a McArdle and a McKay."*

That's all for now folks..

Dave Brooke  
Drivers committee chairman.