

SCCON Spotlight

The Newsletter of the Sporting Car Club of Norfolk

July 2013



Wonderful Watton

Events in July

Sunday
7th July

AutoSOLO

Carver Barracks

Contact
Martin Newson

Tuesday
16th July

Production Car Autotest

Snetterton Circuit

Contact
David Bell

Thursday
18th July

Clubnight

White Horse Inn

Contact
Howard Joynt

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[Debden AutoSOLO and Autotest
Regs & Entry Form](#)

[Snetterton Production Car Autotest
Regs & Entry Form](#)

First Aid 2013

The club is giving you the opportunity to have training in First Aid should you be interested. There are places for 10 club members.

Please contact Martin Newson cjnewson32@yahoo.co.uk or 01502 716280 if you are interested

The Latest ...

Social Events

Howard – Social Secretary:

Phone Howard on 07917 060052 if you have any ideas or venues for social events

Club Nights

Do not forget that current club nights (unless stated in these newsletters) are at the **White Horse Inn** at Trowse

New venue – please join us at the White Horse Inn on **Thursday 18th July** for the next Natter & Noggin

Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd July
Management Meeting

Sunday 7th July
2013 AAC Round 4
Debden AutoSOLO
Eastern Counties Motor Club

Sunday 14th July
Javalin's Jumbo Targa Rally
Chelmsford Motor Club

Tuesday 16th July
Snetterton Production Car
Autotest

Thursday 18th July
Club night at the White Horse
Inn, Trowse

Wednesday 7th August
Management Meeting

Thursday 15th August
Club night at the White Horse
Inn, Trowse

Wednesday 4th September
Management Meeting

Thursday 19th September
Club night at the White Horse
Inn, Trowse

Marshalling

Marshal Points:

Have you been out marshalling on any club or invited events?? Then you need to claim your Championship points by contacting Lynne Wellbelove or David Bell.

Sunday 7th July
Debden AutoSOLO
Carver Barracks
(nr Saffron Walden)
Eastern Counties Motor Club

Sunday 14th July
Javalin's Jumbo Targa Rally
Wethersfield Airfield
(nr Braintree)
Chelmsford Motor Club

Tuesday 16th July
Snetterton Production Car
Autotest

Snetterton Production Car Autotest

Tuesday
16th July

Snetterton Circuit

[White Horse Inn, Trowse NR14 8ST](#)



2013 Dates	Event	Champ.	Contact(s)
Thursday 17 th January	Club night		
Friday 8 th February	12 Car	12 Car	Mark & Lorraine Annison
Thursday 21 st February	Club night		
Friday 22 nd February	12 Car	12 Car	Howard Joynt & Bernie Fox
Friday 15 th March	12 Car	12 Car	David Bell
Thursday 21 st March	Club night		
Friday 22 nd March	March Hare		David Bell
Thursday 18 th April	Club night		
Thursday 16 th May	AGM		David Leckie
Saturday 18 th May	Race for Life		Christine Newson
Thursday 20 th June	Club night		
Sunday 23 rd June	Midsummer Vintage & Classic Car Run		Martin & Christine Newson
Tuesday 16 th July	Snetterton PCA		David Bell
Thursday 18 th July	Club night		
Thursday 15 ^h August	Club night		
Thursday 19 th September	Club night		
Friday 27 th September	12 Car	12 Car	
Sunday 29 th September	Targa Rally?		
Thursday 17 th October	Club night		
Friday 25 th October	12 Car	12 Car	
Thursday 21 st November	Club night		
Friday 29 th November	12 Car	12 Car	
Thursday 19 th December	Club night		

www.scon.co.uk/SCCoN2013Calendar.htm

Would anybody like to organise a Quiz or a Scatter.

LATEST NEWS

Evening Production Car Autotest at Snetterton Circuit on Tuesday 16th July

Editorial Chair

Martin Newson

Chairman's Report
(still buzzing)

Well the weekend of 22nd and 23rd of June turned out to be one of the crazy weekends.

The planned events of Sunday were all in hand so Christine and I thought we would have time to help out our friends in Chelmsford Motor Club with running their East Anglian Classic Rally.

Asking Christine to get out of the warm bed early twice in the same weekend costs at least one or two coffees in bed before any real movement can be seen.

Saturday morning was not too bad with pulling open the curtains at 7.00am (and singing oh what a beautiful morning normally causes a stir). We were soon on the road to Thorpe Abbots arriving just in time to see the last of the time controls being handed out, meaning Christine and I would be observing at a number of cone/gates making sure all entries completed the correct route. The morning soon passed with no real problems to advise the course closing car off.

We had to rush off home to pick up most of the equipment required for Sunday at Watton. All of the setup had to be done on the Sunday morning mainly after the road was closed.

Christine and I were on site at 7.00 moving into the clock tower as event HQ, and with the office set up I was driving around the closed roads with Brian Hemmings (WSMC) making sure the entries for both events knew where to go.

The first of our entries started to arrive at about 8:00, it seems that everyone wanted to be on time to take in this unique event. We were told that there should be enough room in the street for 94 cars to be

parked in Le Mans style, so when the entry list for the classic run reached 100 ish I stopped telling Chris Edwards what numbers we had. The entry list was closed at 118 and I was getting a little worried that there would not be enough room in the street. I need not have worried as I had a great group of friends and club members who knew how to pack them in.

As you looked down the High Street at around 9.20 it looked as if we could not get any more people in let alone cars. It was a fantastic sight. The team set the first of the classic runners at 9.30ish, 3 army trucks.

The main event then started at 9.45 being led away by the 1922 Model T Ford. It was at this point we found a small error in the road book which everyone coped with ease. The aim was to get everyone away by 11.00 which we managed, then as our last car moved from the high street the Classic Display moved in, 90 cars on display until 3.00 in the afternoon.

We had a bit of tidying up to do before trying to catch up with the cars on the run, as we looked down the high street again it was packed with cars and people again for the classic car display. It looked as if it was all worth the effort and worry of the last two months.

Just about a year ago when Chris Edwards came to us with this crazy idea I did not know if it would work. On the day it certainly did work. They say that there was over 4,000 people about Watton during the day.

Through the Mary Portas tweets 1.4 million others know about us and she reckons our event was second out of the top 100 street events this year.

Below are some of the emails we received within 24 hours of the classic weekend finishing:

A big thank you for the SCON Run on Sunday. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes for such events – and it is appreciated. There was some great scenery and locations to enjoy; and the weather, although far from perfect, was better than one might have expected given the forecast. Especially impressive this year was the design and quality of the numbered rally plates. My friend and navigator, Richard, nearly wet himself with delight at the sight of the burgundy Singer Chamois similar to one he had many years ago. So he was a happy boy too. If I'm not away next year, I'll be booking a place again.

Kind regards,
Car No 2 - 1925 Bullnose Morris

Hi,
We just wanted to thank you (and everyone else involved) for a very enjoyable day today. What a great turn out - and the rain just proved we have another leak, but not quite as bad as the one last year!!
Hope to join in next year.

Kind regards,
Richard and Debbie Watson

Hi
Please accept and pass on our thanks to the organising committee for an excellent and really enjoyable day out yesterday; in spite of some pretty typical English summer weather it was a great day, and we kept the roof down right until we left Snetterton in a down pour! The day was beautifully organised, lots of friendly marshals and really glad we came along. Ixworth House was something else!! What an awful history, had no idea!

Many thanks again
Charlie & Veronica Buxton

What I am trying to say is a big thank you to everyone that turned out to marshal, to enter on one of the events, to those who came just to look and talk cars.

It was a very good day and without you all being there it would not have been worth all the effort everyone had to put in.

Thank you again

PS A special thank you to my wife Christine and our daughter Suzanne who did most of the paperwork while I have been working away.

PPS Put the date in the diary, we will there again on 22nd June 2014

The web pages said

A spectacular cavalcade of vintage cars and retro roadsters attracted the "biggest crowd in living memory" to Watton's High Street

The inaugural Watton Classic Car Weekend brought an estimated 4,000 people to the town to see bygone models and racers from each generation of the automobile era.

Sunday's festivities began with the

departure of 120 cars from the town as they started the Sporting Car Club of Norfolk's Midsummer Classic Car Run.

They included cars built in every decade since the 1920s, featuring evocative names including Rolls Royce, Austin, Mercedes, Jaguar and MG.

Then, the High Street was filled with another selection of almost 100 more vehicles taking part in The People's Choice Car Show.

Among them were sleek Porsches and Ferraris, restored minis and VW campers, and the oldest car on display – an 1898 Daimler wagonette.

Chris Edwards, chairman of Watton Town Team and a keen vintage car racer himself, said: "It has been the biggest day for Watton's High Street in my living memory.

"I am standing here in the centre of Watton and I am looking at Jim Clark's Lotus 32B Formula Two car, the only one in the world. Parked next to that is a Lotus 23B two-seater 1960s sports car, and parked next to that is my own Lotus Seven race car.

"People have a passionate affair with their classic vehicles and I guess it comes from middle aged people who hanker after the cars they wanted when they were young, but couldn't afford them. They are living out their dreams.

"It has been fantastic. I am looking out on the street and it is still thronged with people chatting about cars and meeting old friends. It is exactly why we wanted to do it. It is bringing the heart back into the High Street."

The Midsummer Classic Car Run was flagged away by "Gentleman" Jack Sears, a motor-racing and rallying legend who won the first British Saloon Car Championship in 1958, and who was reminded that Sunday's event fell on the 50th anniversary of his fifth place finish in the Le Mans 24-hour race. Mr Edwards presented him with a bottle of champagne to mark the occasion. "He was stunned, and very pleased that we had thought of him," he said.

The event was organised by Watton Town Team with support from The Sporting Car Club of Norfolk, the Town Council and the Wayland Partnership.



Wonderful Watton









Marshals Post

David Bell

Upcoming club events – Snetterton Production Car Autotest

Other clubs:

*Debden Autosolo and Autotest on Sunday 7th July at Carver Barracks (nr Saffron Walden) organised by Eastern Counties Motor Club **PLEASE CONTACT MARTIN NEWSON IF YOU CAN HELP***

Javalin's Jumbo Targa Rally on Sunday 14th July based at Wethersfield Airfield (nr Braintree) organised by Chelmsford Motor Club

Further information (if any) available from David Bell on 01603 720871 – there are also links to the relevant sites on the Marshals page on the club website (www.scon.co.uk/SCCoNMarshals.htm) for any readers that are interested and have internet access

There are also links to event sites that may be of interest to club members on the Upcoming Events page on the club website (www.scon.co.uk/SCCoNCalendar.htm)

2013 / 2014 12 Car Championship

Provisional Calendar

Round	2013 / 2014 Date	Event	Organiser(s)
1	27 th September	P & H Novice	David & Katy Leckie
2	25 th October	SCA Race & Rally	Jonathan Stimpson
3	29 th November	Waveney Mushrooms	David Mann & Robert Aldous
4	31 st January		
5	28 th February	Your Ideal Shop	Howard Joynt & Bernie Fox
	14 th March	March Hare	
6	28 th March	Lyng Garage	Simon Tebbutt

Road Rallying June Round Up

Quiet month

GPMC Memorial Road Rally
15th / 16th June
Garstang & Preston Motor Club
Maps 98, 97, 102 & 103
With Paul in his Proton
12th o/a

Time for my regular June trek north to Garstang for another run over the mega quick moorland roads that are a feature of the Trough of Bowland. Very much one for the local crews as the roads are quite difficult to read from the right hand seat and fairly featureless with no clues from the left hand seat. Always a good event but usually let down by the results, this year was no different. Last year's event proved a bit of a challenge with no real opportunity to recover lost time, in fact last year the section through petrol turned out to be a dropper (no penalty but no time recovery).

Met up with Paul at the start and we cruised through scrutineering and signing on. With the first car away at 9:31 (90 minutes to plot and travel the 6 miles to TC1) the other annual event problem was going to be non-rally traffic as the route for the first time card didn't stray too far from the M6 corridor, some good roads but lots of locals. Big change for this year was an extra 30 minutes plotting and lots of short sections, it also appeared that petrol would be after TC9 (30 miles) with a maximum make up of 12 minutes with the second 'half' ending at TC34 (after another 60 miles).

Plotting was OK leaving just the last couple of controls for petrol. The briefing promised yet another new method for taking time out of crews with the introduction of a mystery envelope at one or two manned PCs – arrive at the PC, take the envelope from the marshal, open the envelope, write the code from inside the envelope

onto your card and finally get the marshal to counter sign your card. Also usual one with manned PCs with a code board still needed the 6 or 7 digit code written on the card before counter signed by the marshal.

All went well on Card 1, clean up TC8 and then another 'taxi' moment on the first dropper. All my fault, I've been down the road two or three times previously and I can't ever remember having any problems with the slot. Just as we were being counted down a taxi slowly overtook us and we must have been nearer the slot than I thought as we overtook the taxi missing the slot to the cost of at least 3 minutes, very frustrating.

Things went a lot better after petrol, even as far as me managing to keep track of where we were on the moors. However things started to get a lot messy in the office, not sure whether it was intentional or accidental but it certainly added to the fun. The combination of four maps and four time cards played a key role. Up to petrol the route had used just the one card starting on 102 near Garstang with a leisurely change onto 97 to petrol near Kirkby Lonsdale. Kits Brow ford (where I got stuck last year) saw the end of the rally for cars 6 & 10 but everyone was fairly happy at petrol.

After petrol we had three cards and lots of 4 and 5 minute sections with even the neutrals looking a bit tight. Started off on 97. 98 for a run over the flat as you dare brows of Clapham Common. 103 for the usual NAM car parks in Gisburn Forest (including a second noise check in the middle of a section timed to the second), Slaidburn, card 3, 98, more brows and NAMs over Lythe and Tatham Fells, complicated by a missing control, 97, Ivah, multi cattle gridded White Moss, Wray, Haylot Fm (the wrong

way and very foggy), Crossgill, Littledale, card 4, 102, Appletree Fell, Calshaw Fell (a missing code board caused some confusion but that was the only problem on the route), Harrisend Fell, Oakenclough, the rough Dandy Birks white and TC32 just south of Garstang.

Quite tricky juggling four maps and three time cards, especially when the TC at the bottom of card 3 wasn't located where I thought it should have been and I was expecting it to be missing (but it wasn't).

Probably one of our best results, apart from the 'taxi' moment everything went well and apart from odd seconds dropped in the queues at passage controls we weren't going to finish any higher. Our only real problem was the digital clock stopped working half way through card 1, not a show stopper but it does help having a clock visible to both seats.

The results were pathetic, finished at 03:45 and results were provisional at 07:00 and the breakfast was non-existent, Shame really as nothing has changed in the 5 years I have been doing the event, there is absolutely no excuse for taking so long to do the results and it is the bit that people remember.

10 / 10 for the seeding committee, seeded 13th and finished 12th, the 3 minute taxi 'moment' made absolutely no difference.

Probably not what could be called Novice friendly, no problem getting the route plotted (extra 30 minutes) but no opportunity to recover time so OTL always an issue.



2013 Clubmans Championship

For 2013 the majority of the Championship qualifying rounds will be organised by other clubs and the calendar will be fairly fluid.

The qualifying rounds will be those in the 2013 Eastern Trials Challenge and 2013 Anglian AutoSOLO Challenge plus two or three events organised by SCCoN (Scatter and Production Car Autotests).

A list of qualifying events will be shown here and on the website.

Dates and organisers WILL change.

BEST 8 scores from any qualifying events to count towards the Championship

Round 1	Tuesday 1st January	Trial
Round 2	Sunday 20th January	Trial
Round 3	Sunday 10th February	Trial
Round 4	Sunday 24th February	Trial
Round 5	Sunday 17th March	AutoSOLO
Round 6	Sunday 24th March	Trial
Round 7	Sunday 28th April	AutoSOLO
Round 8	Sunday 12th May	Trial
Round 9	?	AutoSOLO
Round 10	Sunday 7th July	AutoSOLO
Round 11	Tuesday 16th July	Autotest
Round 12	Sunday 15th September	AutoSOLO
Round 13	Sunday 27th October	AutoSOLO

LATEST NEWS

Evening Production Car Autotest at Snetterton on Tuesday 16th July

2013 Eastern Trials Challenge

Round	Date	Event	Organising Club
1	1 st January	Seckford Trial	Eastern Counties MC
2	20 th January	Harlton Trial	Cambridge CC
3	10 th February	Brickhill Trial	Falcon MC
4	24 th February	Holbecks Trial	West Suffolk MC
5	24 th March	Wattisfield Trial	West Suffolk MC
6	12 th May	Mile Tree Trial	Falcon MC

New for 2013, a series of Trials organised by Eastern Counties MC, Cambridge CC, Falcon MC and West Suffolk MC

2013 Anglian AutoSOLO Challenge

Round	Date	Venue	Organising Club
1	17 th March	Waterbeach Barracks	West Suffolk MC
2	28 th April	Carver Barracks	West Suffolk MC
3	9th June	t b c	Sporting CC of Norfolk
4	7 th July	Carver Barracks	Eastern Counties MC
5	15 th September	t b c	Cambridge CC
6	27 th October	Carver Barracks	Eastern Counties MC

Same format as last year, dual permit Clubman AutoSOLO and Autotest.

LATEST NEWS

The event at Carver Barracks on Sunday 7th July will also include a Production Car Autotest.

Miscellaneous



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	Title	Pub Date	Edition
131	Boston & Spalding	22/02/12	D2
132	North West Norfolk, King's Lynn & Fakenham	30/03/11	<u>D1</u>
133	North East Norfolk, Cromer & Wroxham	06/10/09	D2
134	Norwich & The Broads, Great Yarmouth	28/11/12	D3
143	Ely & Wisbech, Downham Market	17/11/08	D1
144	Thetford & Diss, Breckland & Wymondham	18/04/11	B3
154	Cambridge & Newmarket, Saffron Walden	13/08/12	<u>D2</u>
155	Bury St Edmunds, Sudbury & Stowmarket	12/01/12	<u>D2</u>
156	Saxmundham, Aldeburgh & Southwold	27/08/08	B2

Competitors: Licences (H)

Appendix 1: Charts and Diagrams

Chart 7: Competitors Minimum Ages

<i>Discipline</i>	<i>Driver</i>	<i>Navigator</i>	<i>Front Passenger</i>	<i>Rear Passenger</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
RACE					
Car Race	16				14 Junior Race Formulae only
Truck Race	21				21 min age on road
Kart Race L/C	16				210cc max to 17
Kart Race S/C	8				85cc gearbox from 13
Kart Tyro	11				
Kart Endurance	16				15hp per Kart
Kart Bambino	6				Special Conditions
RALLY					
Road Rally	17+RTA	12		2	2-4 in a Child Seat
Navigation Rally	17+RTA	12		2	2-4 in a Child Seat
Stage Rally	17+RTA	16			14 Junior Rally Championship only 14 Single Venue Navigator
TRIALS					
Car Trial	14		12		
Classic Reliability Trial	17+RTA		14	2	2-4 in a Child Seat
Sporting Trial	16		14		
AUTOTEST					
Autotest	16				
PC Autotest	14		12		
CROSS COUNTRY					
Hill Rally	17+RTA	16			
Safari	17+RTA	16			
Cross Country Tyro	13		12	2	2-4 in a Child Seat
Cross Country Trial	17		14		Junior Trials from 8-17
SPEED					
Sprint and Hillclimb	16				
Minicross	14				
Autocross	16				14 Junior Autocross
Clubcross	14				
Rallycross	16				14 Junior Rallycross
Drag Race	16				Junior Dragsters from 8

The newsletter is now available electronically and a link will be emailed to Club Members who register

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