

SCCON Spotlight

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Lyng Garage Car Trial 2019

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spotlight, please email Spotlight@SCCoN.co.uk**

Welcome to Spotlight...

Welcome to the November edition of Spotlight and, once again, I must apologise that it's a few days late. I had a few days away and, inevitably, when I returned to work, there was a mountain of things waiting for me!

As I write this, it's the day of the Club Night which, for November, is being held at Felthorpe Airfield, with members getting to have a go in some of their flight simulators. Sad to say I won't be there, but a big thank you to Peter Riddle for his efforts in organising the evening and I hope everyone has (had?) a great time.

Back to the world of motorsport and the calendar is looking a little more vacant for the rest of the year as we move towards Christmas. While there are only a handful of events left in 2019, there are some great ones to get involved with. We have the Waveney Mushrooms 12-car at the end of the month followed by one of the most infamous events of the motorsport year; 'the one and only' Preston, which takes place on December 14th/15th. Chelmsford MC do a great job of organising this event and are still looking to add to the small army of marshals needed to make it a success. If you have never marshalled before, I would really urge you to give it a go. It's a lot of fun, as it runs through the night and offers a really unique challenge. It's definitely one not to miss!

There are a couple of bits of housekeeping in this edition, both from Motorsport UK. A new licence structure is being introduced for 2020, meaning all competitors will require a licence to compete on events, even those that traditionally only required a club membership card. Details can be found on page 8.

In addition, I've included some information from the latest Scrutineering Bulletin. It's hard not to smile at some of the Heath Robinson modifications people carry out, but safety isn't something we should take lightly, so don't fall into the traps seen on page 10!

Lastly from me, the next club night will be a special one for Christmas. It will be held at the White Horse in Trowse on the 19th of December, and there should be some nibbles laid on for everyone. A great chance to catch-up with members and talk about this year's events and next year's plans, so please come along if you can.

I hope you all enjoy the month ahead. Until next time.

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www.Instagram.com/MaximumAttackRallying

The Month Ahead...

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 SCCoN club nights are currently held at the White Horse, Trowse, NR14 8ST. Any change in venue will be communicated through Spotlight or the SCCoN website. For directions, please refer to the map at the bottom of the page.

Please join us at 8pm at the **White Horse** on Thursday 19th December for Christmas Natter and Noggin.

Diary Dates

Friday 29th November
Waveney Mushrooms 12-Car
2019/20 SCCoN 12-Car
Championship

Saturday 14th – Sunday 15th
December
The PReston

Thursday 19th December
Christmas Club Night

Sunday 29th December
Stanta Christmas Targa

Marshalling

Marshal Points:

Friday 29th November
Waveney mushrooms 12-Car

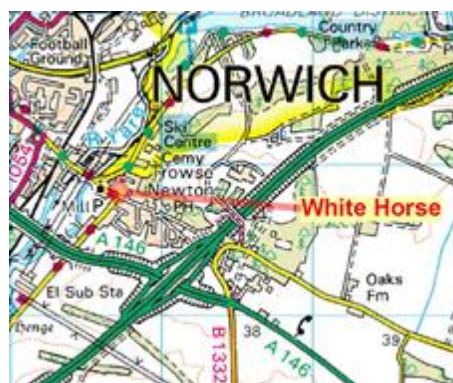
Sunday 1st December
Foxborough Car Tria

Saturday 14th – Sunday 15th
December
The Preston

Sunday 29th December
Stanta Christmas Targa

Have you been out marshalling on any club or invited events?? Then you need to claim your Championship points by contacting the Championship Coordinator.

The next club meeting will occur on Thursday 19th December, at the [White Horse](#) in Trowse, NR14 8ST



2019 / 2020 Dates	Event	Champ.	Contact(s)
Thursday 21 st November	Club Night		
Friday 29 th November	Waveney Mushrooms 12 Car	2019/2020 SCCoN 12-Car Series	
Sunday 1 st December	Foxborough Car Trial		West Suffolk MC
Saturday 14 th – Sunday 15 th December	The Preston		Chelmsford MC
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Club Night		
Sunday 29 th December	Stanta Targa		
Wednesday 1 st January	Seckford Hall Car Trial		East Counties MC

For the latest information on upcoming club events, visit www.sccon.co.uk/index.html

Marshals Post

by Martin Newson

Below is a selection of events in our area, running up until the new year:

2019/20 Dates	Event
Friday 29 th November	Waveney Mushrooms 12-Car
Sunday 1 st December	Foxborough Car Trial
Saturday 14 th – Sunday 15 th December	The Preston
Sunday 29 th December	Stanta Targa
Wednesday 1 st January	Seckford Hall Car Trial

There are several events in the table above (and the calendar on the previous page!) and we are always looking for help with marshalling. If you are interested in being a marshal, please drop me a line at cjnewson32@yahoo.co.uk

If you've never done it before, please don't be afraid! It's a great way to meet club members and get close to the action. We're a friendly bunch, so please come along and we promise you'll have a great time.

The biggest event still on the calendar for 2019 is 'the one and only' Preston, which runs over the night of 14/15th December. This event requires a large number of marshals so, if you're interested, visit the Chelmsford MC website, or email the Chief Marshal, Luis Gutierrez-Diaz at luisgutierrezdiaz@yahoo.es

If you've never marshalled on the event before, it's a real adventure, as it runs throughout the night and the competitors have to tackle some extremely difficult roads and tracks. Well worth getting involved as it's widely regarded as one of the best events of this type in the UK.

Regards
Martin

Further information is also available on the Marshalling page of the SCCoN website: www.scon.co.uk/html/marshalling/marshal.html

SCCoN Window Stickers

A limited number of SCCoN window stickers are available for £3 each including p&p.

These are printed to be stuck on the inside of the window, design is as below:



Self adhesive vinyl window sticker
measuring 195mm x 80mm.

Please email Mike Smith at mikey.j.smith@btopenworld.com if you would like one.

Payment by Paypal, cash or cheque thanks.

Please note that, if there is sufficient demand, more can be printed.



*"When
Reliability
Matters"*

Norfolk Classic and Sports Cars was born from a lifelong passion for motor sports and classic cars and was established with the aim of providing a reliable and complete service for classic and sports cars including on-event servicing for motorsport events as well as general servicing repairs and rally preparation work.

The founder of the company Robert Kitchen has been providing on-event support for the Endurance Classic Rally Association since 2000 and has worked on most of their long-distance endurance events over the last 15 years. Therefore, Robert has travelled many of the routes and first-hand experience of the problems encountered by classic vehicles on this type of event.

The company also carries out restoration work with workmanship undertaken to a meticulous standard. You can see some of our clients' cars in the Galleries section of our website at www.norfolkclassiccars.co.uk. We are always happy to discuss your individual requirements, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

This is a small selection of events for which Robert has provided mechanical support.



News: Motorsport UK Update

Many have you may have already seen the below communication, but it contains some important information regarding licences and permits, so is worth reading.

Dear Club Official,

New investment initiatives for 2020

Now that 2019 is on the finish straight you may be starting to plan your events for the 2020 season, so we need to advise you of a number of changes to event permits and competitor licences that will affect the organisation of competitive events next year.

Throughout 2019 we have been evaluating the best strategy for the future of motorsport in this country. The fact is that there are some real challenges ahead and we need to act now, or potentially see a further decline in both licence holders and events. Why should that be something to worry about? The issue is that across the sport we are beginning to see some events, clubs and championships reaching a tipping point where their viability is in doubt.

A large part of this is the lack of promotion and visibility for motorsport, especially at a grass roots level. The next generation are not seeing any form of our sport in their media consumption, and that means we are facing a challenge to bring new recruits into the clubs and events. We need to invest in tools to help clubs be better equipped for marketing and thus build new levels of membership. We need to look after our officials and volunteers with enhanced education and training, attracting new recruits and providing a clear pathway for progression. For those in the sport already we need to provide more reasons to stay; whether it be new innovations and formats, or reductions in bureaucracy and red tape. And then there are larger threats on the horizon in the form of environmental issues and the changing role of the car in society, and these need to be proactively managed lest we become victim to others agendas.

Motorsport UK needs to be better equipped to meet these challenges, and to make the necessary investment in our future. The reality is that the current economic model for managing the sport is out of date. It has evolved over decades and has many inconsistencies within it and has developed into an often unfair system for many. We also believe that there are plenty of opportunities to broaden the revenues to fund the sport. Already we have created a comprehensive member benefits scheme, to get money off branded products and services. That takes the pressure off the cost of competing. We have already launched the fan focused Trackside member product, and we have other ambitious plans to create new membership tiers. Motorsport UK is generating important revenues from providing consultancy to other ASN's and events, such as The Safari Rally in the WRC next year. And as we develop new UK properties we will seek to attract sponsorship to help us invest in the future of the sport.

One key improvement for clubs is a significantly increased public liability insurance – now providing up to £100million of cover; in addition to substantive improvements to our members' personal accident insurance.

The permit and licence architecture is overly complicated and confusing, so we have pared it back to a simpler system, with new streamlined categories that match the new licence types. At a club level we need to make it easier for people to get into the sport, and at the real grass roots we need to make it easier for competitors to get engaged with Motorsport UK. From January it will be compulsory for all competitors in any Motorsport UK event to hold a Motorsport UK licence; thus replacing the

Club Card only entry system. But the good news is that this entry level licence, to be called RS Clubman, will now be free.

We have simplified and re-aligned our licence and permits architecture and made it more inclusive of grassroots motorsports. For 2020 there will be four grades of organising permit:

- *Clubman – as before*
- *Interclub – replaces National B*
- *National - replaces National A*
- *International - as before*
- *Certificate of Exemption events will continue as before.*

Interclub status is going to be the lowest grade for Race, Speed, Stage Rally, Rallycross, Drag Race and Kart Race.

We have also simplified licences for competitors in 2020 and corresponding to the permits structure, we will have the below licence grades. Please refer to Competitors Minimum Acceptable Licences via the link below for further details.

- *Clubman*
- *Interclub*
- *National*
- *International*

In addition, the previously mentioned free of charge RS Clubman licence will now replace the Non-Race Clubman licence. This is intended both to introduce a fairer system and to encourage participation at grass roots level by removing a barrier to entry, and shifting the payment from the licence to the permits as we adjust the fees to place more emphasis on pay-as-you-play.

Competitors and passengers previously using their local club membership card alone will now need the new RS Clubman Licence along with their local club membership card. This only applies to Motorsport UK grass roots events run on a Clubman permit. The new free RS Clubman licence will include the improved insurance cover for 2020.

If you organise Clubman status Autotests, Trials, Road Rallies and Cross Country events it is essential that you advise your members of this change. We have included an email template via the link below and we would be obliged if you could forward this to your members. 2020 licences will be available from 18th November and there will be a dedicated link from the Motorsport UK homepage for applicants.

If you are planning an event in January and/or if your members will be competing it would be beneficial if they could apply for their licences in good time, online, before an event to avoid hold ups at signing on. Competitors can also apply for this licence on the day by completing a hard copy form and attaching a photo. We would also suggest including information on your websites/ Facebook pages and highlighting the changes in event supplementary regulations. To assist you with informing your members about the new RS Clubman licence, please find a post for Facebook and social media in the link below to share with your members.

You may be aware that over the last 20 years or so Motorsport UK clubs have benefitted from a relatively stable insurance market and also any permit fee increases were set at the retail price index.

For 9 of these years between 2010 and 2018, the permit insurance per capita remained static. Unfortunately the insurance market for motor sport insurance has now changed – globally there have been substantial claims, not just in the UK, which have resulted in the markets hardening, and we have had to renegotiate our cover and in turn this has resulted in increases to the permit fees. The 2020 Permit fees have been set at a flat £5 uplift versus 2019 across all events, we are however confident that the rates are competitive when compared to other countries motor sport governing bodies.

Below is a link to the organising permit fees for 2020, these have been reviewed due to increased insurance costs and in line with our strategic review.

Motorsport UK is committed to investment in the future of motorsport in the United Kingdom. From our strategic review we have identified four main areas that require investment, and these are:

- *Member and club development*
- *Sport promotion*
- *Education and training*
- *Sport development and innovation*
- *Please refer to the link below which explains Motorsport UK's Investment Strategy and licence improvements for our competitors in 2020. In addition, the link also contains details to the 2020 Permit Prices, Competitors Minimum Acceptable Licences and example Email and Social Media Posts on the new RS Clubman licence for your use.*

<https://www.motorsportuk.org/Resource-Centre/Clubs-Organisers>

2020 Organising Permits are now available and the 2020 Yearbook will be available in the first week of December.

Thank you for your on-going dedication and commitment to our sport.

Wishing you a safe, successful and enjoyable season ahead.

Kind Regards

Motorsport UK
Competitions & Clubs Team

For more information, visit the Motorsport UK website at www.motorsportuk.org



News: Motorsport UK Scrutineering Bulletin

Some snippets from the latest Motorsport UK Scrutineering Bulletin – worth noting some of these!

Fuel tank sight tubes

Many competition vehicles have fuel tanks fitted that incorporate a sight glass or tube. This usually comprises a length of clear plastic tube mounted vertically on the tank. The material used invariably deteriorates over time, with exposure to fuel and becomes brittle and can crack, increasing the risk of fuel leaks. As the material of the tube deteriorates it will generally begin to discolour, as a rough indicator the more discoloured the sight tube appears, the more brittle it is likely to have become. The examples below show a discoloured/deteriorated tube compared to a clear new one from a similar installation. Whilst scrutineering if you come across a sight tube that appears to be severely deteriorating, please advise the competitors accordingly, of course if it is noticeably leaking this should be rectified immediately.



Ballast installation



Regulations covering the installation of ballast can be found in (J)5.15.2, which states that the ballast must be attached to the shell/chassis via at least four mounting points using bolts of a minimum 8mm diameter, there is also a requirement for 400mm² counter-plates of 3mm thick steel for each mounting point.

The example to the left was found by a scrutineer at a recent event and comprises of a series of dumbbell weights located on a single pin and retained by an R-clip. We do not know how the single central pin is mounted to the floor pan of the vehicle, but this clearly does not comply with (J)5.15.2 as the ballast is not mounted using four bolts (each section can be stacked and mounted using the same four bolts).

General Hazards

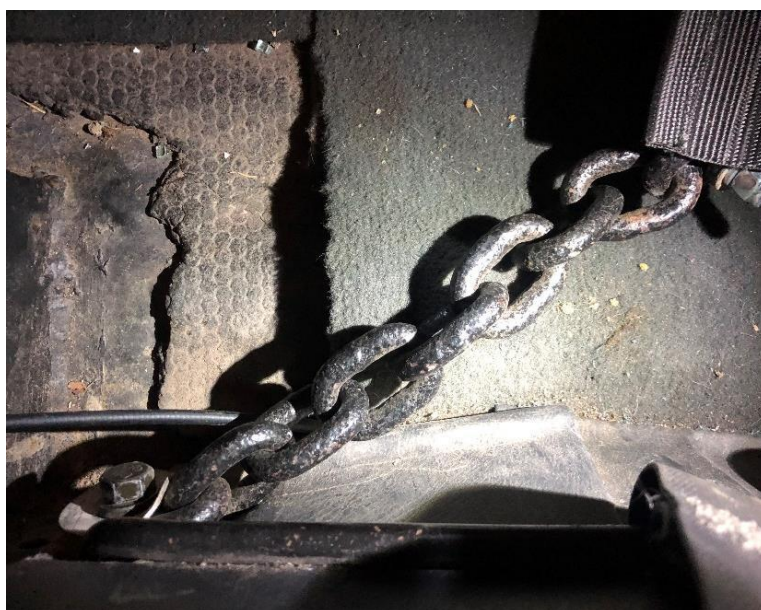
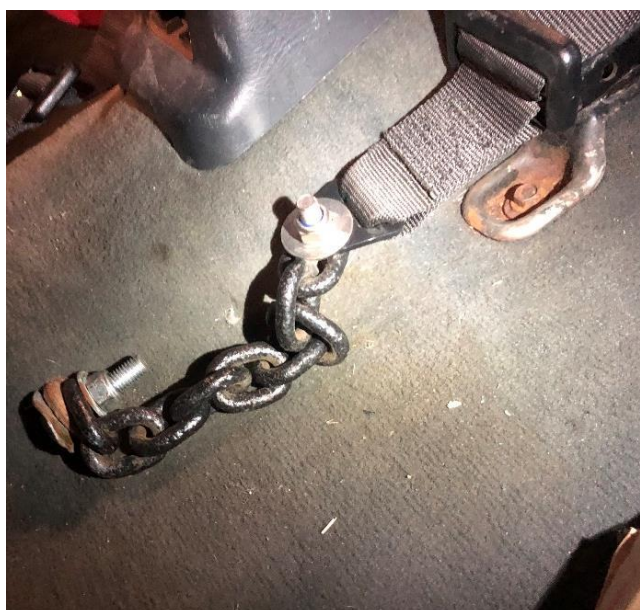
The image to the right depicts a Formula Ford 2000 presented for scrutineering at a recent event. Note the proximity of the electric cut-off and extinguisher trigger wiring to the driver's helmet when seated in the car. Whilst not something that is necessarily covered by a regulation, the Scrutineer correctly noted this as being a general hazard.



Contact between the wiring or spade connectors and the helmet is a very real possibility which could result in connections being broken or shorted, either rendering the cut-off inoperable or potentially stranding the vehicle on circuit. A good example of the Scrutineer looking beyond the regulations to resolve a genuine safety concern.

Harnesses

These photos were forwarded to us by a very concerned Scrutineer following encountering the vehicle during pre-event scrutineering for a recent event. What they show is the competitors attempt to extend the reach of the harnesses by the use of a length of chain between the harness end and the mounting point on the vehicle! Obviously and correctly the use of these makeshift extensions was rejected.



Dual-circuit brakes

A Scrutineer at a recent Race event was intrigued by the hydraulic handbrake fitted to this car and investigated further to find that it's operation would cut off the line from the foot brake to the rear brakes, before it applied the rear brakes. A bit more probing found that they had also fitted a link pipe on the master-cylinder between the front and rear hydraulic circuits, thus effectively making it a single line system.

The team in question were advised that both these modifications contravene (Q)19.5, and that they would need to be changed, only to be told that there were other cars in the Championship with the same modification as it made the brakes work better!



Having checked other cars in the Championship it was found that at least four of the race winning cars have had this modification fitted for the at least the last two years, none of them claiming to have had any queries as to the operation. That implies that at least four cars have been checked at a minimum of 16 events by Scrutineers without this issue being noticed!

As a Scrutineer, if you see something you are unsure of, or have not seen before – such as an unusual brake system arrangement – it is always best to ask the competitor or team to explain it to you. Don't ever be afraid to ask your Scrutineering colleagues for a second opinion, as others may have come across the arrangement before. We are all constantly learning!



SCCoN Club Clothing

Ali Hodder has very kindly arranged for a new line of club clothing to be produced.

With our nice new club leaflets and recent efforts to increase SCCoN's promotional activities, these are a great addition and perfect for making yourself stand out to other members at events!

These are being produced by EZY-TEES, based in Martham, near Great Yarmouth. They are able to provide a full range of clothing items, including:

T-shirts
Sweatshirts
Hoodies
Zip-up hoodies
Polo shirts

There are a couple of examples below:




Ali is handling any orders for these so, for full price information, drop her a line at Alison.Hodder@yahoo.co.uk

Lost and Found

You may be selling a car, hunting for an elusive part, looking for help with something, or offering your services as a navigator – if so, this is the place to put it out to your fellow SCCoN members.

If you would like something included in this section, please email some details to Spotlight@SCCoN.co.uk with “Lost and Found” in the subject line and it will be included here for the next issue. Obviously if you want it for more than one issue, you’ll need to let us know.

Offered	Wanted
<p>Vauxhall Race/Rally Memorabilia</p>  <p>I have a couple of items of Vauxhall rally memorabilia that might be of interest to member – Vauxhall Chevette HS & HSR book by Graham Robson and a Vauxhall Sport 1978 brochure</p> <p>I'd like £30ono for both.</p> <p>Email Jon_Scoltock@hotmail.com</p>	



10% OFF AT WILCO MOTOR SPARES

Did you know that Wilco Motor Spares offer SCCoN members a 10% discount on presentation of a valid membership card?

Wilco have branches across Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire and have traditionally offered club members a 10% discount in store.

When you are next in-store, don't forget to ask for your discount.

If you have any issues with this promotion, please contact a member of the committee.

2019 Clubmans Championship Table

The Clubmans Championship has been resurrected and currently will be made up of 6 events (may change), all scores to count. The Championship has re-appeared thanks to the efforts of Howard Joynt with the support of Jamie Hopper (Snetterton) and Chris Abrey and Sara Banham. The events for 2019 are August PCA (R1), September PCA (R2), September SOLO (R3), October PCA (R4), November Trial (R5) and December Targa (R6).

Latest positions after the Stanta AutoSOLO and Snetterton Grass PCA (top 15 points scorers shown). A table with all points scorers will be found on the Clubmans page on the club website. The allocation of points is also explained in the Points file on the Clubmans page on the club website.

Marshal points shown in red.

2019 Clubmans (aka Summer Series) Championship							
	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
Oli Dennington-Price	27	23	10	20			80
Nigel Cook	14	26	8	13			61
Matthew Mantle	20	17	9	7			53
Abi Dennington-Price	18	13	8	12			51
Dick Lines	25	7	7	5			44
Jonathan Stimpson	30	9					39
Peter Riddle	24	13					37
Colin Mantle	17	12	6				35
John Peterson		15	6	12			33
James Hodder			13	17			30
Gordon Shipley	21			6			27
Jonathon Kavanagh		18	6				24
Robin Lines		10	4	10			24
Mark Annison	22						22
Matthew Hodder			7	14			21

**Upcoming Event: Motorsport at the Palace
Sevenoaks & District Motor Club
Sunday 24th and Monday 25th May 2020**



Will be running Motorsport at the Palace again on Sunday 24th and Monday 25th May 2020.

This includes a 740mtr Sprint round parts of the old Crystal Palace circuit, a static car display and also an autotest and motorbike demonstration during the day.

To enable us to maximise our entry, we are emailing all the clubs within our invited Associations in the hope that you would be kind enough to add the event to your club calendars, newsletters and also email your members to advise them that the event is happening.

We have a website where competitors & car show interest can register. Once the SR's are available, we will email them out to everyone. The web address is www.motorsportatthepalace.co.uk

Many thanks for your help in making all your club members aware of the event. It really is a fun weekend for both competitors and spectators.

Kind Regards

*Karen Webber
MATP Team*