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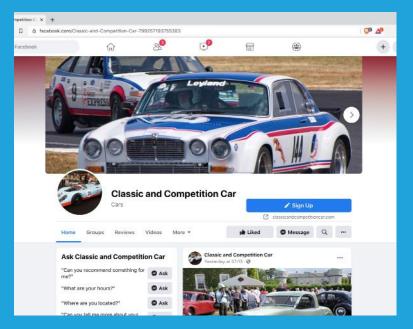
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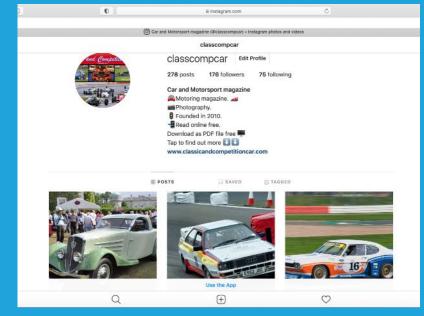
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Wheels on Wednesday returns in April.

Wednesday 19th April 2023 will see the first of this years Wheels on Wednesday meetings at Spetchley Park gardens. The famous mid-week car and bike meets welcome all types of vehicles, classic and modern. They take place between 4pm and 9pm at Spetchley Park Gardens, Worcestershire, WR5 1RS. There is an entry fee of £4.50 per car/van or £3 per motorcycle if booked in advance or £5.50 on the gate (cash only) if not sold out. Other dates are:

Saturday 29th April at Brookend.

Wednesday 10th May at Spetchley Park.

Wednesday 31st May at Spetchley Park.

Sunday 11th June Breakfast meeting at Spetchley Park.

Sunday 25th June Breakfast meeting at Spetchley Park. Sunday 9th July Breakfast meeting at Spetchley Park.

Wednesday 19th July at Spetchley Park.

Sunday 30th July Breakfast meeting at Spetchley Park.

Sunday 20th August Breakfast meeting at Spetchley Park.

Wednesday 30th August at Spetchley Park.

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as a single or two seater model. Produced by the Austin Motor Company Ltd in Rayne, Essex. Prices start at £28,000





Ford Fiesta Rally3 debut in BRC.

Junior British Rally Championship runner-up Johnnie Mulholland is bringing the Ford Fiesta Rally 3 to the British Rally Championship for 2023. After winning the Academy Trophy title in 2021, Mulholland and c0-driver Eoin Treacy moved up to the Junior category in 2022. After victory in the Cambrian Rally, they finished in second place in the championship. Now the 26 year old from Co. Antrim in Northern Ireland will give the M-Sport Poland built Fiesta Rally3 its first outing in the Motorsport UK British Rally Championship at the season opening Malcolm Wilson Rally.

The Rally3 category is pitched as the perfect stepping stone into four-wheel-drive machinery. The M-Sport Fiesta is powered by a 1497cc, three cylinder turbocharged engine producing around 235 bhp, linked to a sequential transmission and 4WD.





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In a special event in London, the BWT Alpine F1 Team revealed its challenger for the 2023 FIA Formula 1 World Championship season. The A523 is an evolution of last years car, the A522. The livery is a mix of the historic blue of Alpine and the striking pink colour of the teams title partner BWT, as well as a new decorative crystalised pattern to symbolise Alpine's derivation and historical roots in the Alps. Drivers Estaban Ocon and Pierre Gasley were on stage to form a historic all French, all Normandy driver line-up. Jack Doohan becomes the teams offical reserve driver for 2023 alongside his duties in racing in the FIA Formula 2 championship.





BMW i4 eDrive35 now in UK.

The new all-electric BMW i4 eDrive35 is now available to order in the UK. The latest model to join the fully electric BMW family, it is available with a choice of Sport or M Sport trim. The four-door Coupe offers a range of 299 miles (WLTP). It features the same BMW curved display with BMW iDrive and Operating System 8 found in all BMW i4 models as well as the BMW iX and iX1.

The BMW i4 eDrive35 Sport includes an impressive level of equipment as standard, including LED headlights and 18 inch alloy wheels, plus eye-catching elements in blue design. The interior has black cloth/sensatec upholstery with front heated seats. If customers choose the BMW i4 eDrive35 M Sport model add the M Aerodynamic exterior styling as standard with a high-gloss shadowline exterior, plus18 inch M Aerodynamic alloy wheels, M Sport leather steering wheel and Alcantara/Sensatec interior upholstery with Black/Blue contrast stitching.

The BMW i4 eDrive35 is built at BMW Groups Munich plant alongside the eDrive40 and M50 models.

Prices start at £49,995 OTR with delivery starting in Summer 2023.

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Hagerty Hill Climb returns to Shelsley Walsh.

Launched last year, the inaugural 2022 Hagerty hill climb was such a success that it is returning to the iconic Shelsley Walsh hill climb course for two days of hill climb action on the 27th and 28th May 2023.

It will bring some of the country's finest road and competition cars alongside legends of Group B and WRC rallying. These should include the Audi Sport Quattro, an ex-Tony Pond MG Metro 6R4, Petter Solberg's Subaru Impreza and a Ford RS200. Other entries should include a Group B Ferrari 308 GTB, a Lancia 037 and a BMW E30 M3 along with a Group A Ford Escort Cosworth and Mitsubishi Lancer.

Tickets start at £25 per car, per day. For those wanting more from the day, Driver's Enclosure tickets are available at £35 per person, which includes Grandstand access,

complimentary food and drink and the chance to chat with drivers and owners about their cars.

More information at https://www.hagerty.co.uk/articles/events-articles/group-b-rally-icons-to-star-at-2023-hagerty-hill-climb/

New McLaren 720S GT3 EVO.

Building on race-winning performance at the front of the international GT3 field, the new McLaren 720S GT3 EVO improves on customer race pace-setting. It features improved aerodynamic performance with more overall downforce, with the balance shifted forwards for greater consistency in traffic. It also offers greater serviceability and more robustness in wheel to wheel contact.

It has several key bodywork improvements including front bumper and splitter fitted with quick release fastenings for easy removal and replacement. They also feature improved aerodynamics with a front bonnet gurney. The auxiliary lamp positions have been changed for better night visibility in long distance races. At the rear, the wing pylon mechanism can be easily adjusted and the rear wing gurney is taller to enhance downforce without upsetting overall balance.

Suspension has been improved with new 4-way adjustable dampers, while both front and rear upper wishbones have been changed, with the front now adjustable. The uprights are also new with the front featuring a bolted brake caliper for quick change of the whole system as a unit.

The 720S GT3 EVO is available to order and existing 720S GT3 owners can purchase a full update kit.



The Marshals Post

The marshals at Race Retro were kept busy over the weekend on the Rally stage.







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Owen Motor Club Ltd held their first competition event of the year, running the Santa is Late AutoSolo at Curborough at the end of January. A good entry of 44 cars tacked the two tests A. And B with 3 runs on each course during the morning, followed by tests C and D, the same again in the afternoon. The event also counted as the first round of the Cannock and District Car Club Wheelspin Series. The day was dry and brightened up during the day, but the wind was very cold, keeping temperatures well down. In 1st place after the first two tests was Eddie Martin driving a Mazda MX5 in Class F. He was chased by Jamie Yapp driving a Vauxhall Nova ST, also in class F. In the afternoon, test C also went to Eddie Martin again but Jamie Yapp struck back to take test D and was far enough in front to take 1st in class F Stage Rally/Sprint cars over 1001cc/unfair advantage cars and 1st overall with a total time of 395 seconds. Taking 2nd overall was Eddie Martin, just 6 seconds behind, with a time of 401 seconds.



Cars in Class F are not eligible for the Fastest Time of Day (FTD) award, so it went to Tom Bishop driving a Nissan Micra in Class E - Four Wheel Dive Cars. All Cars fitted with LSD's and modified rear wheel drive cars. He finished in 3rd overall, with a total time of 408 seconds. He was also the 1st car to finish registered for the CDCC Wheelspin Series (1st Class E).

Taking first in Class C - Modified front wheel drive cars (I.e. road cars/De Cat/Stage cars up to 1000cc/vehicle





fitted with a roll cage) was Dan Lister in a Renault Clio . He was 4th overall with a total time of 416 seconds. He was also 1st registered in the **Clubman Championship Class C**.

The next class winner was Lewis Allen in **Class D** - **Production Front/Rear engine rear wheel drive.** He was driving a Honda S2000 in 5th overall, with a total time of 417 seconds.





Rounding out the top six was Ollie Jones driving a Mazda MX5, 3rd fastest in Class F, who also had a total time of 417 seconds. He was also 2nd fastest of the Wheelspin registered competitors and **1st in Wheelspin Class F.**



Ollie Jones Mazda MX5 Wheelspin Class F winner.



Chris Larkin in a Toyota MR2 Roadster took the 1st in Class E award, finishing 7th overall with a total time of 424 seconds. He was 3rd fastest of the Wheelspin competitors, taking 2nd in class E.

Class B for Production front wheel drive cars over 1401cc was won by Ashley Pearce in a Nissan Micra with a time of 435 seconds, finishing 11th overall.

The **Best newcomer award** went to Henry Weathersbee in a BMW Z4 Coupe, who finished 15th overall with a time of



445 seconds and was 2nd fastest in Class D. Outside the award winners but still achieving very respectable results were James Nicholls who was 2nd fastest in Class C, driving a Volkswagen Scirocco, who finished 8th overall with a total time of 424 seconds. He also took 1st in Class C for the Wheelspin championship. In 9th overall was Jamie Moffat in a Ford Fiesta who was 3rd fastest in Class E with a total time of 425 seconds. He was also 2nd fastest in the Clubman Championship contenders. 1st in Class E.



Completing the top ten was Nick Pollitt in a Mini Cooper SD with a time of 432 seconds, 3rd fastest in Class C. Maciej Czechowicz in a Smart FourFor was 2nd fastest in Class B, 14th overall, with a time of 442 seconds. He was also 1st in the Wheelspin Championship for Class B. James Crudgington in a Nissan Micro was 3rd fastest in Class B, 18th overall with a time of 448 seconds.

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Maciej Czechowicz Smart FourFor Wheelspin Championship Class B 1st







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Chris Cowles (4th Class C, 13th) & Nik Cowles (5th Class C, 25th) in their Mini Cooper S













Clive Woodhouse Peugeot 206 GTi 6th Class C, 22nd

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ground solid disappeared as the sun rose leaving some very slippery conditions to add to the challenge. Scoring on the event – which was the first round of the 2023 ACTC and **ASWMC Trials** Championships – is based on penalty rather than reward so a perfect score to aim for at the end of the day is zero. The only one to achieve this was motorcyclist Joe Wills on his 200cc Beta Alp who therefore was awarded the Clee Hills Trophy as the

As last year, when the Midland Automobile Club's Clee Hills Trial was revived after the Covid hiatus, the event started and finished at The Squirrel near Ludlow and took competitors on a 75 mile route around the scenic Wenlock Edge region of Shropshire. Along the way, they stopped off to tackle ten hills or sections to determine the overall and class winners among the 28 bikes and more than fifty cars entered. The day dawned bright and very cold but the frost which decorated the trees and made the



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overall winner leaving the class win to Mark Wills on another Beta, this time a 200RR, who ended with a score of just three points. A welcome touch is the inclusion of a class for Britishbuilt bikes (engine and frame) - which once would have dominated such an event - and this class was won by Ryan Eamer riding a 175cc BSA Bantam.

Competition among the cars was, if anything, even closer, lan Davis and Andrew Brown in a VW Buggy just pipping





Dean Partington and Kieran Bartlett in their DP Wasp by a matter of 2 points to 6 to win the Fray Cup with the latter

pairing consoled by the win in Class 8 which caters for the specialist and most highly modified vehicles.

By providing 'gentler' alternatives to two of the most demanding hills for the less able cars, the organisers are able to attract a very wide range of vehicles and these always include a selection of pre-1941 and certain others in their own class where this year the





competition could not have been closer. Joe Stollery, with Garry Plummer alongside in his Wolseley Hornet, just managed to hold off Steve Hill and Howard Gibbons' Ford Model A Saloon by 25 points to 26 to win the class.





One sour note was that, two days before the trial, some selfish or possibly malicious individual fly-tipped a load of soil, rocks and tree roots on the section at Longville where the hill emerges onto a small road and where the top car







classes have a compulsory stop and restart. With no time to remove such an obstacle, the section had regrettably to be cancelled.



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Dave and Ruben Forshaw in their 1762 cc Dingo finished ninth overall





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The Stratford and Henley Classic Car Club had there first meet of the year at a new venue, Binton Social club, near Stratford upon Avon. A sunny Sunday morning saw a good turnout of cars, filling the hard standing car park area. As usual at these types of meetings there was a good variety of vehicles on display. There were a several vintage cars, plus loads of classics, plus several more modern classic cars, with a few American and Japanese cars mixed in the the mainly British car selection. Both BMC/ British Leyland/ MG Rover and Ford were well represented along with fairly local Coventry built marques Jaguar, Triumph and Hillman. From further afield, American manufacturer Chevrolet also had several cars to represent the well supported American car scene in the UK.





















1971 Land Rover

Jaguar XJ Sovereign

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The oldest car was this 1925 Chevrolet Superior K built in Australia with a Holden body.









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1967 Triumph TR4A IRS

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The Jowett Motor Manufacturing Company was founded in 1904 by brothers Benjamin and William Jowett. They created their first car in 1906 but delays meant that the first production cars arrived in the Bradford factory from 1910. After the first World War the company became Jowett Cars Ltd and resumed production in 1920.

The Grey Knight saloon has a wood fabric body fitted to the 102 inch wheelbase 7 HP long chassis. It is powered by a 4-stroke, horizontally opposed 2 cylinder 907cc HO2 Side Valve flat twin engine, RAC rated 7 HP. It drove the rear wheels through a 3-speed manual gearbox. This gives a cruising speed of 40-45 mph with a top speed of 50 mph. From 1930 it had brakes on all four wheels and the engine had removable cylinder heads to ease maintenance.





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Another locally produced car from nearby Coventry was the Hillman Minx. There were two on display and they are a perfect example of how car designs changed over a twenty

year period from before and after the Second World war. The 1936 Hillman Minx Magnificent was powered by a 4-cylinder 1185cc side valve engine producing 30 bhp. It was the first mass-produced car with an all synchromesh 4-speed gearbox. The 1957 Audax design Hillman Minx Series I was powered by a 4 cylinder Over Head

FMC 325

Valve 1390cc engine, which had been introduced in 1954. There were a variety of manual transmission systems offered with column or floor mounted gear change. There



was also the option of the Lockheed Manumatic two-pedal semi-automatic transmission. The car could accelerate from 0-60 mph in 27.7 seconds and do the standing ¼ mile in 23.5 seconds. When new it cost £773 17 s including purchase tax.



















2005 Smart Roadster

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For many years Ford have had the best selling cars in the country and they were well represented here. One of Fords most iconic cars has been the Ford Escort, which achieved countless rally victories over the years as well as being one of the best selling family saloons in the UK. There were several Mk1 models on display including this stunning 1971 Ford Escort Mexico Mk1. The special edition Mexico model was introduced in November 1970 to celebrate the great victory of the Ford Escort in the 1970 London to Mexico World Cup Rally, driven by Hannu Mikkola and Gunnar Palm. A total of 10,352 Mexico Mk1 were built with the 1598cc crossflow engine and using body-shells with additional strengthening, making them more suitable for competition use. Ford also produced the RS2000 using a 2 litre Pinto (OHC) engine and the strengthened body-shells. These models were all produced at the Aveley Plant in South Essex.



Ford of America made their cars bigger and faster than their European models. The Ford Mustang has always been the American performance car of the Ford range. This is a first generation Ford Fastback model. It also has the visual enhancements like the bonnet air scoop and bonnet pins from the Ford Mustang Mach 1. The 1970 model also returned to the single headlights, fitted within the grille. The 5 litre small-block V8 engine produces 220 bhp and 300 lb-ft of torque.











1999 Chevrolet Tahoe

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The Boucles de Bastogne is an event I've planned to visit for a number of years and I finally made the trip at the beginning of February. It's a regularity event where the entries are required to keep to an average speed of 65kph (lower speeds for other classes) but for spectators away from the set control areas, it's a full blown rally with stages

averaging about 12km, the longest at 22km. The entry always has star drivers and this year was no different: Bruno Thiry driving the 0 car Toyota GT86, Bernard



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François Delecour/Priscille De Belloy-Delecour led until a fuel supply problem put them out

More seen on the circuits than the forests - a Porsche 914/6 crewed by Daniel Reuter/Robert Vandevorst

© Syd Wall



Bernard Munster/Xavier Porter went well before being excluded

Munster, François Delecour and Marc Duez seeded in the top 3 positions with Ghislain de Mevius and Patrick Snijers at 6 and 8. Stefaan Stouf, well known to British readers having won the Roger Albert Clark rally in 2010, was at 15 and surprise seeding at 18 in his first rally was the retired world cycling champion and multiple classics winner, Tom Boonen.

The event was based in the centre of Bastogne in the



Christophe Daco/Steven Spittaels lost 2nd place on the final stage with a puncture



Belgian province of Luxembourg with the main square and street taken over on Friday night for an autograph session, a line-up of all the cars and many hundreds of spectators. With 5 classes of cars and an entry of near 240 cars, there was plenty to see with many rarely seen models ranging from a Renault 4CL and Citroen 2CV up to Patrick Snijers' mighty 7 litre Corvette Stingray!

An hour before Saturday's stage 1, we were in place and basking in sunlight but 10 minutes before car 1, thick fog



We've not seen a Mazda 323 4WD for a long time this one crewed by Pascal and Hugo Gérard



descended and it made for a very atmospheric scene for the first half of the main Legends entry. Already we had lost one of the favourites, Delecour's team mates Frédéric Caprasse/Frédéric Jacquemin, in one of Belgian preparation expert Christophe Jacob's Ford Escort Mk 2s with an engine problem and Ghislain de Mevius/Johan Jalet (Escort Mk 2) came through at barely diminished speed with a rear wheel puncture. Despite taking an early lead in Jacob's other car, the famous Escort Mk2 PYB 106 which is a multiple winner of the event, François Delecour/ Priscille De Belloy-Delecour also retired with fuel injection trouble. Later, Bernard Munster/Xavier Porter in a potent





Porsche 911SC were excluded for speeding on a road section after a gearbox change and the lead was taken over by Cédric Cherain/Damien Withers in a Gulf oil liveried Escort Mark 2, overcoming delays from a puncture. Also early on, Mark Duez/Thierry Jacquet had brake trouble which dropped him to running in the 60s. Patrick



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2nd in the Youngtimer section, Stéphane Huber/Eric Defourny were crowd pleasers in the V6 Opel Omega

Snijers/Davy Tierie were spectacular and noisy in the vast Stingray and were still going when we say them on the final stage around 10pm but were unable to make the Sunday restart with alternator failure. So at the end of day one, the leading positions were Cédric Cherain, Stefaan Stouf/Joris Erard in their regular Escort Mk 1 and Christophe Daco/ Steven Spittaels in a Belga-liveried Escort Mk 2. Day two brought us challenging conditions with a sub-zero wind chill and frequent rain and sleet, made worse by the



Sébastien Smoes





finished 41st





A nice change from the Escorts, Billy Simoné/Freddy Cara took this lovely Opel Kadett GT/E to 20th

cancellation of the first stage after we'd waited for almost 2 hours! The reason has been difficult to find, but was either a stretch of gravel road breaking up or nails being found on the same stretch. Sabotage? Who knows. Cherain remained in the lead until a heavy landing two stages from the end broke the rear axle leaving Stefaan Stouf in the lead which he maintained to the end. His Mk1 Escort is one



Alain Stecker/Sebastien Pierson must have spent a lot of time off the road in the BMW 316 E21 finishing last 88 minutes behind the previous crew

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Great to see a Triumph TR7 V8 on foreign stages - Etienne-Pierre Bordet/Maximillien Thonnard came home 39th

of the best in Europe and he was a popular 2nd time winner after losing last year's Boucles with a last stage puncture. After an stunning drive on the final 22km stage, Guino Kenis/Bjorn Vanoverscheide (BMW 325i E30) leapfrogged to 2nd place, overtaking Christophe Daco (punctured on the final stage) and Emile Breittmayer/Alexis Thomas in another Belga-liveried Escort Mk2. The rain halted temporarily for the podium celebrations but thought better of it and soon continued for the rest of the finishers! Not enough to dampen Tom Boonen's



Cédric Cherain/Damien Withers also led the rally until their Escort's rear axle withered



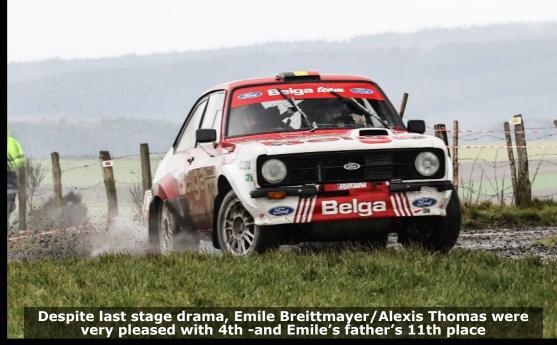
enthusiasm for rallying in the toughest conditions. His first rally was in a Rothmans-liveried Porsche 911SC RS and was co-driven by veteran Erwin Mombaerts, rallying since 1987 including the WRC. Having started a new career in circuit racing after cycling, he enthused "Of all that I have done in motorsport, this was the most fun". This was a great event, easy to spectate on and all very close to the rally centre. I urge our UK readers to visit next year.















The gorgeous Peugeot 504 Coupé V6 of Alexandre Iron/Michael Rankin finished 37th

© Syd Wall















Organised by Hagley & District Light Car Club, the Geoff Taylor Sporting Trial took place on the Apley Estate, between Shifnal and Bridgnorth in the middle of February. The event was a round of the Motorsport UK British Championship and the BTRDA Sporting Trials Championship as well as the BTRDA Allrounders



1st Live Axle was the Kincraft of Robert Packman & Mark Tallon



Championship. A good entry of around thirty specialist cars were greeted by a lovely dry, sunny day, to tackle eight courses over three rounds on challenging hill courses on two sides of a valley.

At the end of the day, Richard & Joe Sharp in a Cartwright



had the lowest overall score of 18, giving them 1st in the Red Class. They were followed by reigning Motorsport UK champion Thomas Bicknell & Andy Jarvis in a Crossle with a score of 24. They were only in 5th after round one but leapt up to 2nd in the other two rounds giving then 2nd in the Red Class. In 3rd place in the Red class were George & Victoria Watson in a Hamilton. They had a Grand Total score of 25 They had been as high as 2nd after round one. Josh & Tristan Veale in a Sherpa took 4th in the Red class



with a score of 29. In 5th place in the Red Class and taking 1st in the Live Axle class was Robert Packman with Mark Tallon in a Kincraft, with a score of 30. Taking 2nd in the Live Axle class and 8th in the Red Class was the Kincraft of lan & Sandy Veale with a score of 34. In 3rd place in the Live Axle class was the Sherpa of Sam Beare & Jemima Perham.

Taking 1st in the Blue class was the Crossle of Martin & Julie Grimwood with a score of 30. A little way behind, 2nd



in the Blue class went to John Firth & Ann Boyes in a Crossle, with a score of 43. Taking 3rd in the Blue class was Neil Martin & Hadley Robertson in a Facksimile, who were also 7th in the Live Axle class.



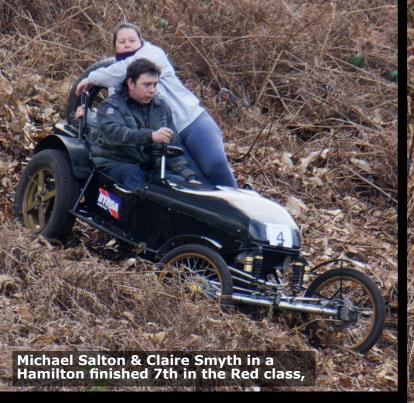


Stuart Beare & Sue Underwood Snerpa Indy finished oth in Red class

The Rookie class was won by Nick Beere & Dave Caine in a Facksimile, with a score of 78. They were well ahead of David & Anita Simmons driving a CAP, who took 2nd in the Rookie Class with a score of 113. Completing the top three in the Rookie class was the Sherpa Indy of Gerald Davies & Mike Wilkinson who had a Total Score of 159.



March 2023 Peter & Elizabeth Fensom in a Hamilton, 10th in Red class 50



An interesting entry was the Kincraft which contained a total of 14 British Championships. While waiting for their seasons to start, eight-time British Autotest Champion Alastair Moffatt decided to enter his local event in the Motorsport UK British Sporting Trials Championship. Knowing he would need a passenger, he enlisted his friend, six-time British Hillclimb Champion Scott Moran. They borrowed a 1978 Kincraft from Robin Jager. The pairing showed some potential, getting as high as 4th overall early on and eventually finished 14th in the Red Class and 5th in the Live Axle class. A promising debut.



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Alan Baker & Hilary Carrott in an Apex, 15th in Red class.















Taking 3rd in the Rookie Class - Gerald Davies & Mike Wilkinson in a Sherpa Indy

Boyd & Sharon Webster Crossle 11th Red class.

2022/23 SAS Autoparts MSC NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series Round 3 Skope Classic meeting @ Euromarque Motorsport Park (Ruapuna), Christchurch NZ

03-05 February 2023





LOCAL F5000 CARS/DRIVERS SWEEP THE FLOOR AT SKOPE CLASSIC MEETING IN CHRISTCHURCH OVER THE WEEKEND.

They came, they saw, and at the 33rd Skope Classic motor racing meeting at Christchurch's freshly re-named Euromarque (nee Mike Pero) Motorsport Park (Ruapuna) over the weekend, local driver Michael Collins (Leda GM1 001) and fellow Mainlander Steve Ross (McRae GM1 009) conquered, sweeping all before them in qualifying and across all three SAS Autoparts MSC NZF5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series races at the meeting.

Right from the qualifying session on Saturday morning the pair were wickedly quick, with category young gun, Michael Collins' pole time of 1:18.858, only some 1.270 seconds shy of the outright F5000 category lap record - a 1:17.588 set by top UK Historic F1 driver Michael Lyons (Eagle FA-74) back in 2014.



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The other F5000 Tasman race win went to former series winner Steve Ross McRae GM1 009 © Fast Company/Euan Cameron.

Former three-time SAS Autoparts MSC NZF5000 series title-holder Steve Ross was the second quickest qualifier with a time of 1.20.792, and Feilding's Kevin Ingram Lola T332) was the fastest of the North Island visitors in third with a time of 1:21.836

The first SAS Autoparts MSC NZ F5000 race of the weekend (on Saturday afternoon) was a stunner, the two 'McRae' GM1s of Collins and Ross battling it out at the front, with Collins just easing ahead at the end of the race to lead Ross home by 2.8 seconds and the rest of field by close to half a minute.

Third home was indeed third quickest qualifier Kevin Ingram (Lola T332), fourth Grant Martin (Talon MR1/A), fifth Brett Willis (Lola T332) and sixth Glenn Richards (Lola T400) with just three seconds separating the four cars at

flag fall.

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A little further back in the field, expat Brit Alastair Chalmers (Chevron B32) was celebrating going a full four seconds a lap quicker in the race than he had in the qualifying session earlier in the day.

The second race for the SAS Autoparts MSC NZF5000 series field was the usual spectacular Handicap Rolling Start affair on Sunday morning and - again - this one did not disappoint...

In fact, it had many spectators up on their feet and cheering wildly in the last couple of laps as category stalwart Russell Greer (Lola T332) drove out of his skin to maintain his lead. If only the race had been 6 or 7 laps he would have been fine, but unfortunately for Russell it was 8 laps and Steve Ross's relentless pursuit managed to just pip him at the finish line by 2.5 seconds!



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Joining younger brother Michael on the grid at Pukekohe this weekend, driving the second of two Hey family-owned Graham McRae-designed GM1cars, top NZ female driver, Anna Collins © Fast Company/Euan Cameron

It was a close finish across the field and a tribute to the handicapper as only 23 seconds covered all the cars.

There was some attrition in this race which included both Collins'cars, Michael's with a misfire, Anna's a broken spindle.

The feature race for the prestigious Bert Hawthorne Memorial Cup was looking in doubt, with heavy rain falling just before the racers were due out on the track, however the heat of the day soon had the track deemed dry enough for the slick-shod F5000s to line up and take the grid.

With Steve Ross choosing to sit the longer 12 lap feature

race out, Michael Collins once again pulled away to a comfortable lead and held on to win from a hard-charging Kevin Ingram. Third was Brett Willis, who cleared away from his usual protagonist, Glenn Richards by 10 seconds.

After the race, series regular Tim Rush from Feilding was presented with the Stan Redmond Memorial Trophy for his contribution to F5000 racing and his sportsmanship, by special meeting guest, John Bowe.

Tim exhibits the same sort of pace, grace and sheer, unadulterated passion and enthusiasm for F5000 racing that Redmond, one of the founding fathers both of the NZ F5000 Association and the now SAS Autoparts and MSC-sponsored NZ F5000 Tasman Cup Revival Series, did.



Lola T332 of Feilding ace Kevin Ingram.
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Russel Greer successfully held out fellow Lola T332 driver Kevin Ingram for a season-best second place in the handicap start race on Sunday morning © Fast Company/Terry Marshall.

Race One - 8 Laps - Rolling Start - Sat pm

- Michael Collins (Leda GM1 001) 10.52.727
- 2. Steve Ross (McRae GM1) 10.55.536
- 3. Kevin Ingram (Lola T332) 11.19.149
- 4. Grant Martin (Talon MR1/A) 11.21.154
- 5. Brett Willis (Lola T332) 11.21.728
- 6. Glenn Richards (Lola T400) 11.21.997
- 7. Russell Greer (Lola T332) 11.44.388
- 8. Anna Collins (Leda LT27 GM1) 11.54.566
- 9. Alastair Chalmers (Chevron B32) 11.57.663
- 10. Tim Rush (McLaren M22) 12.12.283

Race Two - 8 Laps - Rolling Start - Handicap - Sun am

- 1. Steve Ross (McRae GM1) 11.47.187
- 2. Russell Greer (Lola T332) 11.49.808

- 3. Kevin Ingram (Lola T332) 11.50.070
- 4. Alastair Chalmers (Chevron B32) 12.09.067
- 5. Brett Willis (Lola T332) 12.09.296
- 6. Glenn Richards (Lola T400) 12.10.079
- 7. Tim Rush (McLaren M22) 12.10.555

Race 3 – 12 Laps – Rolling Start – Bert Hawthorne Cup

- 1. Michael Collins (Leda GM1 001) 16.35.563
- 2. Kevin Ingram (Lola T332) 16.53.816
- 3. Brett Willis (Lola T332) 17.00.227
- 4. Glenn Richards (Lola T400) 17.09.956
- 5. Russell Greer (Lola T332) 17.23.654
- 6. Alastair Chalmers (Chevron B32) 17.44.372
- 7. Tim Rush (McLaren M22) 1 lap
- 8. Grant Martin (Talon MR1/A) 12 laps

DNS: Anna Collins (Leda LT27 GM1), Steve Ross (McRae GM1).



Tim Rush was presented with the Stan Redmond Memorial Trophy this year by special meeting guest, John Bowe

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Making a successful return after a 2 year break due to the Pandemic, Reis Race Retro was back at Stoneleigh Park, near Coventry, with 22,187 attending. The show was smaller than previous years due to Stoneleigh loosing 2 of the original 4 halls. A new Hall 2A has been added next to Hall 2 and the Silverstone Auctions Race Retro Classic and Competition Car (no connection) Sale had been moved to Hall 1 instead of being in a separate building up the road, as in previous years. The caliber of historic cars on display was superb, with everything from Formula 1 and Rallying



right down to Formula Ford and club saloon and sport car racers. Probably the largest stand was a joint Dunlop and Goodyear Tyres display of four iconic racing cars.



Representing Endurance Sports car racing from the late 1960s and early 1970s was a beautiful Lola T70 Mk 3B as driven by Alex Brundle & Gary Pearson in Historic events. These were popular customer cars that racing in the World Sports Car Championship and the 24 Hours of Le Mans, plus open top versions competed in the American Can-Am series. Its one major victory was the 1969 Daytona 24 Hours race where a Sunoco Lola T70 Chevrolet driven by Mark Donahue and Chuck Parsons lead a 1-2 finish ahead

of the American
International Racing
Lola T70 of Ed Leslie &
Lothar Motschenbacher.
The Lola T70 still races
today in the HSCC
Thundersports series
and the Masters Historic
Sports Car
Championship.





The next car was a Formula 2 March 782. These originally raced in the 1978 European Formula 2 championship, where the championship was won by Italian Bruno Giacomelli in a works March 782 with a BMW 2 litre engine. March were one of the most prolific racing car manufacturers, building customer cars for Grand Prix F1, Formula 2, Formula Atlantic, Formula 5000, Formula 3, Indycar racing in America, and sports car racing. Their Formula 2 cars are still raced today in series such as the HSCC Historic Formula 2 championship and the HSCC Aurora Trophy series for Formula 5000 and Formula 2 cars.





In the iconic Black and Gold JPS colour scheme, the Lotus 76 Grand Prix car was the successor to the legendary Lotus 72. Powered by the 3 litre Ford Cosworth DFV

engine and driven by Ronnie Peterson and Jacky Ickx during the 1974 F1 World Championship, it was intended to the more advanced version of the Lotus 72. It featured modified aerodynamics, including a bi-plane rear wing to increase downforce and stability.



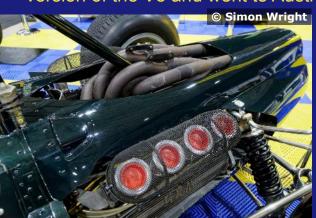
It also had four pedals and an electronically operated



clutch with the control mounted in the gearstick. It was officially entered as the John Player Special Mk1. Unfortunately the car was not competitive and unreliable and the team reverted to the Lotus 72 for various races in 1974 before going back to the Lotus 72 full-time in 1975.



The final car on the display was the 1964 BRM P261 F1 of Jackie Stewart. Making its debut in 1964, it was powered by a 1.5 litre BRM V8 engine and driven by Graham Hill and Richie Ginther. Hill took his first Monaco Grand Prix victory and also took a win in the United States Grand Prix to finish 2nd in the F1 World Championship. Hill was joined by Jackie Stewart in 1965, who won the International Trophy race at Silverstone. Hill took repeat victories in Monaco and the United States, while Stewart took his maiden GP win at Monza. In the championship, Hill took 2nd and Stewart 3rd. In 1966 the team fitted a 1.9 litre version of the V8 and went to Australia and New Zealand to



Give Stewart the Tasman Title, with Hill 2nd after missing a few of the races in New Zealand after winning the New Zealand Grand Prix. Stewart also won the opening GP of the 1966 season in Monaco before they switched to the new BRM P83.



Just over the aisle and keeping with the Formula 1 theme was a 1981 Osella FA1B, which was for sale on the Adam Sykes & Co stand for £349,950. The FA1B was introduced at the 1980 Italian GP and driven by Beppe Gabbiani and Miguel Angel Guerra. The car showed greater promise when driven by Jean-Pierre Jarier in 1981, who scored two 8th placed finishes. Powered by a 3 litre Cosworth V8 engine, this Ground Effects car comes comple with a set of slicks and wet weather tyres.

This is chassis number 3 which had been converted to a Can-Am car in 1983 before being restored back to the correct F1 specification. It was raced in Masters and Historic F1 events in 2010 and was also demonstrated at the 2016 Goodwood Masters meeting. It is eligible for Masters Historic events and the Monaco Historique.



British Racing Motors "Reawakening"

British Racing Motors Ltd had their own stand in Hall 2 with a pair of BRM Grand Prix cars on display. BRM introduced Yardley sponsorship on the 1970 BRM P153. Powered by a 3 litre V12 engine, it won the 1970 Belgian Grand Prix at Spa driven by Pedro Rodriguez. The second car was driven by Jackie Oliver, who appeared on the stand on Friday, along with Howden Ganley who drove the car in 1971,





BRM's 70th anniversary, three new and authentic cars are being built by racing car specialists Hall & Hall. They will use original P15 chassis numbers that were used at the time. This is the first new car.

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The Bugatti Owners Club who run the Prescott Hill Climb course had a large stand with four interesting cars on display. They were advertising different events that will run during the year. The Fiat Abarth 695 SS is one of only 150 believed to remain out of the 1,000 that were produced. Prescott Italia, an Italian themed day, takes place on the 13th May 2023.

The Gould GR55 single seater has dominated the British Hill Climb championship in recent years. This car was commissioned by six times British Hill Climb Champion Tony Marsh in 2002. It is powered by a Cosworth KF 2.5 litre V6 engine which was originally commissioned by Opel for the German DTM series for the Calibra cars from 1993-1996. The British Hill Climb championship visit Prescott in April and again in September.

Prescott is the home of Bugatti in the UK and at every hill climb there is a class for Bugatti owners. This Type 59 is the last Grand Prix model that Bugatti produced in any number, starting in 1933 with a 2.8 litre supercharged straight-8 engine. The Type 59 made its debut at the 1933 Spanish Grand Prix, where Varzi finished 4th. In 1934 the rules changed, introducing a minimum weight of 750 kg. To reduce the weight of the car, the chassis had lightening holes drilled in it and the engine size was increased to 3.3 litres. Further development saw the introduction of the 50B

engine.
However the car was uncompetitive compared to the German and Italian teams getting government support. This car was a works prototype

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which ran from 1933 until October 1936. It scored a win at the 1936 Deauville Grand Prix. Prescott Historique takes place in May 2023.

The Audi Quattro S1 E2 is one of the Group B generation rally cars from 1985. The 5-cylinder turbocharged, inline engine produced 550 bhp driving all four wheels this propelled it from 0-62 mph in 3.1 seconds, and a top speed

of 125
mph. It was
driven by
Stig
Blomqvist,
Walter
Rohrl and
Michelle
Mouton.
Rallye
Prescott
takes place
on 4th
November
2023.



Classic and Competition Car



Centaur Mk16.

The 750 Motor Club had a large stand advertising various of their many racing series. This Centaur Mk16 originally raced in the 750 Formula in period. A few decades later it was raced by 750n Trophy Drivers' representative John Gasking and his daughters.

The series was re-named Historic 750 Formula several years ago, it remains the most affordable route in to historic motor sport. The car is now owned by Ben Boult.



(Left) The Classic Stock Hatch 1989 1.2 litre Vauxhall Nova GTE Mk2 of Ben Bateman. (Top right) The Ma7da championship offer a Foundation Programme where you can get a seasons racing from as little as £12,500 per driver for joint car ownership and 7 races each.





Alfa Romeo 156 GTA - Roger Evans V6 Class Alfa Romeo Championship March 2023 with 750 Motor Club. 65











Lotus 59 - F3

Pride of place on the Historic Formula 3 stand was the ex-Emerson Fittipaldi Lotus 59. Built in 1969 by Ralph Firman for the Jim Russell Driving School Formula 3 racing team. After arriving from Brazil in 1969 Emerson Fittipaldi undertook some training at the Jim Russell Racing school and was then hired by the Jim Russell Driving School Formula 3 team. He won nine F3 races in the Jim Russell lotus 59 in the MCD Lombard F3 Championship to become the 1969 champion. After a brief spell in the Team Bardahl Formula 2 Lotus 59B in 1970, he was rapidly promoted to the Lotus Grand Prix team and after the tragic death of Jochen Rindt. Emerson became Lotus team leader and

Jochen Rindt, Emerson becam

won the 1970 American
Grand Prix in the Lotus 72.
He went on to win the World
Championship in 1972 at
the wheel of the JPS Lotus
72 and he won the title
again in 1974 for McLaren.



1974 Peugeot 504 Safari Rally Car.

Displayed on the ERA-Hero stand in Hall 2A was this superb Peugeot 504 Safari rally car. Built as a replica of the 1975 East African Safari winning car by Paul Waller of Rally Torque Australia. Designed to cope with the toughest of endurance rallies. Powered by a 1971cc OHV 4-cylinder inline engine connected to a 5-speed gearbox. It has competed on the 2012 London to Cape Town rally and the 2019 Peking to Paris.



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Pride of the Paddock.

Over the weekend, visitors were able to vote for their favourite from eight vehicles on the Pride of the Paddock display in Hall 2A. The selection was varied, ranging from a 1972 Austin Minor pick-up truck to a 1939 MG TB. The winner was announced on Sunday afternoon, with 1st place going to Richard Barber and his 1966 Ford Anglia 105e Deluxe. He received a trophy along with a year's free private motor insurance from show sponsor Reis, terms and conditions applied. He also has the opportunity to have the winning car displayed in the entrance hall to next years Race Retro show.



Taking the runner-up position was Peter Baker with his 1954 Daimler Conquest, recently returned form the 2023 Monte Carlo Historique Rally. He also won a trophy and one years free private motoring insurance from Reis.

















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Ex BTCC Champion Jason Plato on stage

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1987 Ford Sierra Cosworth RS500.

Expected to sell for between £120,000 and £150,00, it actually sold for a record £590,500. It has only 5192 miles on the clock.





1961 Warwick MkII Sports/FJ Sold for £27,562.

The innovative, early 1960's Formula Junior/Monoposto car with all enveloping, streamlined bodywork. The streamlined body was fitted to John Cooper's 1959 French Grand Prix entry for Jack Brabham. But proved to be unstable at the Reims circuit in practice and the car was restored to single seater configuration. The body shell was abandoned in the Cooper factory until bought by John Moore, supplier of Lockheed brakes and clutches. He planned to race a car in both the 1962 Minoposto and Formula championships. His idea was the car could have dual bodywork, sports and single seater, to suit a variety of championships. He had a chassis fabricated to support both types of body panels. He won the 1962 Monoposto Championship using a Ford E93A side valve engine and an early Mini gearbox with chain drive to the rear wheels.





Sold for £31,167













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Louise Aitken-Walker Group A Vauxhall Astra GTE

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John Pritchard Group 2 Talbot Sunbeam lotus.

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David Kynaston Group 4 Triumph TR8

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Wayne Sisson Group A Mitsubishi Galant VR4

Ian Houston Historic Volvo 240









Dave Corlett Group B Opel Manta 400







Tony Worswick Group B Ferrari 308 GTB













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David Wingfield Group 1 Ford Escort RS2000

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Mark Tabor Marathon Volvo 123GT Amazon

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Lee Sellars Group 2 Triumph 2.5 Pi