

The
Nottingham Sports
Car Club



Information for
New Members
&
Competitors for 2007

A few commonly asked questions by people new to the sport ..

What is Sprinting and Hillclimbing ?

An inexpensive form of motorsport, held on racing circuits, special sprint courses, hillclimb tracks or closed public roads. The surface is always tarmac. You are purely 'on your own', driving yourself and your car from a standing start to the finish line, timed to the 100th of a second as quick as possible!

Depending on how fast you are and the venue, the runs last between 40 and 120 seconds. This may sound short but the concentration and pressure required to drive the circuit perfectly in the quickest time possible is all part of the fun! Cars are divided into classes, so you compete against similar cars to your own and events/classes are won and lost by hundredths!

Who can enter?

Anyone who is a paid up member of Nottingham Sports Car Club (NSCC) and has an RAC competition license. (These are available from The Motor Sports Association, tel., 01753 765000, www.msauk.org)

What type of car can I use?

The events are open to almost any car. It can be a standard saloon with simple safety modifications such as the ignition cut off point marked (i.e. 'keys on column') and a timing strut fitted to break the optical start and finish beams, through to modified road going cars, kit cars, seriously modified cars, home built specials and single seater racing cars. At one event recently we had what looked like a modified lawn mower through to a Formula 1 car from the late 80's! All classes have capacity sub classes.

The only mandatory safety equipment you are required to wear is an approved crash helmet and fireproof suit to the correct standards.

What is the Nottingham Sports Car Club Speed Championship all about in 2007?

Nottingham Sports Car Club organise six of the events and co-ordinate with other clubs to form the NSCC Championship. They are held at venues around Nottingham, Norfolk, Lichfield, Liverpool, Shrewsbury, Lincolnshire, Coventry, Leeds, York and Wigan. More information on each venue can be found on the NSCC website. The points are scored in relation to National record times set by previous cars in your class, this way a standard road saloon can compete on equal terms with a stripped down kit car or single seater racing car. You can enter as many of the rounds as you wish, but only a certain number of the best scores will count towards the championship – see the official regulations for '07.

The Venues

VENUE	INFORMATION
Three Sisters Circuit Wigan	A fast but twisty compact circuit. Can you handle” Cowards Leap” without lifting?
Harewood Hill Climb, Leeds	The longest hill climb course in the UK. Very technical. Blind corner now with tarmac run off. Could take a life time to master perfectly. NSCC visit this Hill twice in 07
Shelsley Walsh, Worcester	The most famous hill climb in the UK and oldest motorsport venue in the world. New for the NSCC in 05 and we have been back ever since!
Aintree Circuit, Liverpool	Very fast track on the historic GP course. F1 powered cars in the British Sprint Championship reach speeds in excess of 170mph
Curborough, Lichfield. Double and single lap meetings	Must be the best dedicated Sprint course in the UK. Single & double lapper events here. Looks simple until you try and go a few tenths faster !! How good are your brakes for the 100mph to 20mph hairpin ??
Elvington, York	The 0 to 120mph straight is a good acceleration test, followed up by tight bends and sweeping bends all on a 2 mile or so course
Barkston Heath, Grantham	After a successful – if rather wet! Debut event in 06, we are running another meeting in August. Good surface and slickly run meeting.
Cadwell Park, Louth	Returning again in 07 – the classic Lincolnshire race circuit – everyone who went last year seemed to describe it as the best venue they have ever been to! – book early!
Hethel, Norwich	This is the Lotus factory test track, a fantastic sequence of bends and testing layout. Well worth the trip over to Norfolk
MIRA, Coventry	Very popular event run on another test-track circuit. Book early. This one always fills quickly. Technical but rewarding. Deceptive kinks which become corners at very high speed. Time to “lift” ?
Thoresby Park, Nottingham	Tight and twisty course, glorious setting on the roads around Thoresby Hall. Extremely satisfying when you get all the corners “spot-on” ! Run over 2 days as 2 separate meetings with evening social at the local village hall.

Nottingham Sports Car Club Speed Championship 2007

Dates	Venue	Club	Website www.	Contact for Regs	Email for Contact	Tel.
14 April	Three Sisters	Longton	Longton-dmc.co.uk	Moya Leighton	info@longton- dmc.co.uk	01772 725985
28 April	Aintree	Liverpool MC	liverpoolmotorclub. com	Phil Gough	entries@liverpoolmoto rclub.com	07790 388698
6 May	Curborough	NSCC	Gosprinting.co.uk	Cliff Mould	nsc@gosprinting .co.uk	0114 286 4135 eve
12 May	MIRA	Bentley Drivers Club	bdcl.org	Ann Barnes	info@bdcl.org	01295 738886
13 May	Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb	Midland AC	shelsley- walsh.co.uk	Roger Thomas	secretary@shelsley- walsh.co.uk	01886 812211 day
3 June	Harewood	BARC (Yorks)	Harewoodhill.co.uk	Jackie Wilson	jackie@harewood- hill.co.uk	01423 339062
16 June	Cadwell Park	Auto 66	auto66.com	Liz Scott	office@auto66.com	01723 373000 day
17 June	Curborough	NSCC	Gosprinting.co.uk	Cliff Mould	nsc@gosprinting .co.uk	0114 286 4135 eve
30 June	Aintree	Liverpool MC	liverpoolmotorclub. com	Phil Gough	entries@liverpoolmoto rclub.com	07790 388698
8 July	Three Sisters	Longton	Longton-dmc.co.uk	Moya Leighton	info@longton- dmc.co.uk	01772 725985
15 July	Curborough (Long)	NSCC	Gosprinting.co.uk	Cliff Mould	nsc@gosprinting .co.uk	0114 286 4135 eve
21 July	Elvington Park – West Circuit	Auto 66	auto66.com	Liz Scott	office@auto66.com	01723 373000 day
5 August	Hethel	Borough 19	borough19motor club.co.uk	TBC		
12 August	Barkston Heath	NSCC/HSA	Gosprinting.co.uk	Cliff Mould	nsc@gosprinting .co.uk	0114 286 4135 eve
26 August	Harewood	BARC (Yorks)	Harewoodhill.co.uk	Jackie Wilson	info@longton- dmc.co.uk	01772 725985
8 Sept	Aintree	Liverpool MC	liverpoolmotorclub. com	Phil Gough	entries@liverpoolmoto rclub.com	07790 388698
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The quickest way to obtain regs for any of the events is to download from the relevant club website. The NSCC site www.gosprinting.co.uk will always have up to date information.

Championship Awards

1st Overall	1.5 litre Trophy and award
2nd Overall	Keith Douglas Trophy and award
3rd Overall	Mitchell Trophy and award
4th Overall	An award
5th Overall	An award
6th Overall	An award
7th Overall	An award
8th Overall	An award
9th Overall	An award
10th Overall	An award
Fastest NSCC member over season	Harry Driver Trophy and award
1st in NSCC rounds	Des Richardson Trophy and award
Amusing incident as voted by members	Wonky Trophy
Improver of the Year	An Award
Classic Car Category	An Award
Highest Placed Novice	An Award
Highest Points Scorer at NSCC Rounds	An Award

In 2006 the Championship attracted over 70 scoring contenders and was keenly fought out being only decided on the last weekend. The eventual winner, Gary Thomas came from the standard road going class driving a Lotus Elise. However, the competition included drivers of kit cars, a Peugeot, Westfields, various single seater racing cars, Porsches, a Daihatsu, a Mitsubishi Evo 5, Caterhams, Audi, Astras and all sorts of specialist and standard machines.

What's in it if I win?

The winner of the overall championship receives the impressive "1 _ Litre Trophy", for a year, and another crystal trophy to keep with their name engraved alongside the list of winners going back to the 1950's! Trophies are also presented for second and third, with lead crystal awards down to 10th place. The highest placed novice is rewarded as well as the driver who has improved the most over his / her previous season. Additionally, the "Des Richardson Trophy" is presented to the highest points scorer from 4 of the 5 NSCC events as long as you are not in the top 3. At all events, awards are presented to class winners and highest NSCC scorer. The Harry Driver trophy is won by the fastest NSCC member throughout the season.

A recent survey of many contenders of the championship highlighted the excellent, friendly paddock atmosphere and general good nature of the events as one of the main reason why they competed.

How much will it cost?

If you are new to Motorsport, you will need an MSA Non-Race National 'B' licence, for 2007 this costs £34. NSCC membership for the year and championship registration is only £30. Fireproof suits start at around £150 and helmets from £100. Depending on what category you enter, the car can be absolutely standard, so no additional expense may be required.

A typical entry fee for an event is between £60 for some NSCC events to £90 odd at Harewood. This entry fee covers payments to the MSA, the doctors, ambulance and paramedic cover, fire extinguisher and equipment hire of various circuit safety items, fees, and event insurance etc.

What happens 'on the day'?

Two timed practice runs are held in the morning, but before then 'signing on' involves a few documentation checks and cars need 'scrutineering' for basic safety features (as per the RACMSA rules found in the RAC 'Blue Book' which you get with your licence).

Times are posted after each run, and the trick is then to see how you can drive a fraction faster to beat your fellow competitors! The post practice times are the ones that count and depending on the venue you will have between 2 and 5 runs. Your fastest run of the day counts, with the class positions and overall winner being sorted on that basis.

Never Sprinted Before?

We're a friendly bunch in the NSCC, and sometimes your first event may seem a bit daunting. If you have entered or are thinking of entering your first meeting, give any of us a ring, (perhaps try Steve Miles first) from the list of committee members on the back page of this booklet, and let us know what car you are entering and class if you know it. We can then arrange for a fellow NSCC class member to give you a call, answer any points and guide you through your first meeting if you wish.

All the courses and dates are listed in this leaflet. Don't hang around, events fill up fast! Select the events you wish to enter get regulations from the relevant club website or contact the person named for an entry form and regulations. Fill it in, send your cheque off (NSCC and some other clubs don't cash them until the event closing date) and wait with anticipation.....

Yes, I'd Like to give it a go! What Do I Do next?

To register and contest the Nottingham Sports Car Club 2007 Speed Championship, you only need to become a member of the NSCC. Championship registration is free and competitive membership of the club is only £30.00. Contact Kim Marvin on 0116 2793645 for an application form if one is not enclosed with this booklet or download one from the club website www.gosprinting.co.uk

Your Membership

You will be issued with a membership card that you will be asked to present at the point of “signing-on” at all the events you enter as proof of your Club membership. As a Club member you will also receive the Nottingham Sports Car Club monthly publication of Spin Off which will keep you abreast of events that the Club have attended, details of meetings, event reports, Club regalia, cars that club members may have for sale and general chit chat about all things motorized on 4 wheels relevant to the club.

Your details are held on computer for ease of addressing Club regs and Spin Offs to you. They may be passed onto other Clubs to enable them to send to you details of their events to which Nottingham Sports Car Club are invited. You have the option to decline to have your details held in this way, but this will slow down the speed with which you receive your Motor sport information and potentially miss out on an event as many are over – subscribed very quickly after the regs are issued. The onus is still on you to chase other clubs for ‘regs’ though.

It should also be noted that you can easily recoup the cost of your membership by entering the NSCC organized events (3 at Curborough, 2 at Thoresby Park and Barkston Heath) as a discount is offered to NSCC members for each of these events. Nottingham Sports Car Club is also one of only a few Clubs who do not bank your entry cheque until 7 days prior to the event.

NSCC Championship Scoring System

The NSCC champion will be the competitor that achieves the highest aggregate score from eight (TBC) rounds over the qualifying events on offer throughout the 2007 season.

The official regulations give the exact scoring system, but basically for each class of vehicle at each event there is a target time, calculated from historical data produced by competitors from national records. Matching the target time will realise a score of 18 points, decreasing by hundredths of a point to zero, in sympathy with an increasing time on the track, over the specified target. Improving on the class target time will produce a similarly improved score with a maximum of 19 points. The maximum theoretical score for the NSCC championship is: $8 \times 19 = 152$ points. If weather or circumstances prevail that would otherwise prevent a time close to the target time, a data analysis system protects the event, allowing for a maximum score of 18 points in each class, so all rounds will count despite the weather!

The key benefit of this system – unlike most others is that you can do well, even if the class isn’t that well supported. Many championships favour competitors if there are more competitors in the class.

In addition to the main championship top ten awards, there are several other trophies for competitors to contest. The Harry Driver trophy is awarded to the fastest competitor over eight events, the Des Richardson trophy goes to the best aggregate score for NSCC organised events in addition to the highest points scorer award at each NSCC round. The Ladies trophy, the Novice award and the Vi Selby award for the most improved driver fulfil a range of competitions that provide a challenge for all competitors at all levels!

If you require further details or wish to discuss the technical content of the scoring system then please contact Martin Pickles through the details at the back of this booklet.

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