



Tom Stoten Duratec Champion 2017  
Gunn TS11



Mike Fry Pinto Champion 2017  
Lola T86/90



Colin Feyerabend Historic Pinto Champion 2017  
Lola T492



## Another great season!

I hope you enjoyed 2017 as much as I did with an especially busy Formula Ford Festival meeting culminating in two very hotly contested races. I'm sure we did the right thing in deciding to have two combined races at Brands rather than two relatively thin individual grids. It was a unanimous decision at the Saturday Drivers Briefing, doubled our track time and drew admiring comments from several observers over the standard of both the grids and the racing. As part of the AGM – also on 13th January – we will do a full review of the 2017 season.

Congratulations to our two new champions – Tom and Mike – they have both been competing with the SRCC for a few years and their success this year is well deserved. They will receive their trophies, along with some unknown geezer who took the Historic Championship honours at our Awards evening on 13th January. More details are given later in this Newsletter but please do come along and support the Club through our traditional auction, or even better donate a prize or two! All proceeds go directly to the Club. This year we will be mentioning some of the auction items via the Forum so that the odd member who absolutely cannot attend is not denied the chance to compete for, what are usually, unique and priceless memorabilia, experiences and ... er .... other things!

Too much of my waking hours are currently taken up with trying to pull together another mouth-watering calendar of races for 2018. Nothing is finalised yet, not least because Moto GP don't seem to know what/when they want.

Nonetheless I am optimistic that around the time of the NEC Autosport show in January we should have a pretty firm schedule. Naturally we will post it on the Forum when we are reasonably confident the dates and venues are secure.

Incidentally the Club will not be at the NEC with its own stand this year. As most of you will be aware we have had a presence at Autosport for several years in collaboration with MCR. However the eye watering costs of renting space just cannot be justified so we will be absent as the SRCC though most of us will be attending as individuals. There are various more sensibly priced alternative events being developed and we shall keep an eye on which emerges as best-bang-for-the-buck so that we can again promote Sports 2000 to the motorsport masses.

Cars are already being bought in preparation for next season and we will have several new entrants including at least one who will raise a few motorsport eyebrows and further enhance the profile of our Club. More about that in due course. In the meantime several highly competitive cars are for sale if you know of interested potential purchasers. (For example the two Shrikes used to very good effect by Josh and Ash Law in Pintos. Both are now keen to make the move into Duratec). So keep an eye on the "Cars for Sale" page of the Forum or, if genuinely interested, give me a call.

*Colin*

# Final results for the 2017 season

## DURATEC OVERALL

POSITION	DRIVER	POINTS
1	Tom Stoten	103
2	Michael Gibbins	99.5
3	David Houghton	98
4	Tim Tudor	79
5	Giles Billingsley	62.5
6	Paul Trayhurn	54.5
7	Nick Bates	49
8	Geoff Tremblet	47
9	Roger Ronnan	41
10	Nick Bacon	37

## DURATEC CLASS A

POSITION	DRIVER	POINTS
1	Tom Stoten	105
2	Michael Gibbins	102
3	David Houghton	101.5
4	Tim Tudor	86.5

## DURATEC CLASS B

POSITION	DRIVER	POINTS
1	Peter Brouwer	61.5
2	Richard Cooke	51
3	John Owen	49
4	David Pegley	30

## PINTO OVERALL

POSITION	DRIVER	POINTS
1	Mike Fry	93.5
2	Peter Needham	83
3	Paul Streat	76
4	Josh Law	66
5	Ashley Law	63.5
6	John Deane-Bowers	55
7	Paul Moffatt	49
8	Damien Griffin	38
9	Richard Cooke	32.5
10	Kevin Clifford	30

## PINTO CLASS A

POSITION	DRIVER	POINTS
1	Peter Needham	86
2	Paul Streat	78
3	Paul Moffatt	55
4	Kevin Clifford	39

## PINTO CLASS B

POSITION	DRIVER	POINTS
1	Mike Fry	100.5
2	Ashley Law	75.5
3	Josh Law	74
4	John DB	67

## HISTORIC

POSITION	DRIVER	POINTS
1	Colin Feyerabend	108
2	Simon Aldworth	85
3	Mira Feyerabend	85
4	Charles Fogg	68
5	Jonathan Loader	30
6	Jeremy Knight	29
7	Mike Dodd	19
8	Alaric Gordon	16
9	Andy Storer	13
10	Chris Snowdon	2

## ENDURANCE SERIES

POSITION	DRIVER	POINTS
Duratec		
1	Tim Stoten	54
2	Michael Gibbins	53
3	Nick Bacon	48
4	Giles Billingsley	42
Pinto		
1	Josh Law	55
2	Clive Steeper	46
3	Colin Feyerabend	42
4	Mira Feyerabend	32



## Dinner dance and Awards evening

We are breaking with tradition this year and holding our D&D just after Christmas when people are starting to regret their festive season excesses and are getting fired up for the next racing season. Saturday 13th January 2018. The event will be held at the new Radisson Blu hotel close to Donington Park and the ticket price of £45 per person covers a drinks reception, four course meal and disco. The auction and trophy presentations will also take place during what is always a very enjoyable evening for members, families and friends.

Nick and Heidi Bates who are organising the event have negotiated discounted room rates of £75 for those who book early. For more details see later in this Newsletter.

In addition, subject to there being sufficient interest we will be arranging a Sunday morning visit to the nearby Donington Collection of race cars. If you haven't been before then you're in for a treat with hall after hall of amazing cars. If you have been before then you won't need much persuading to go back.

The Club AGM will also be held on Saturday 13th January 1600-1800hrs, also at the Radisson Blu, Castle Donington. This will include a Review of the 2017 race season, Club accounts, Technical matters and any other issues that are notified to Colin ahead of the meeting.

## D&D auction

We will again be having an auction after the awards presentation. Not only is this an enjoyable part of the evening but it also is an important means of raising funds for the Club. We need more auction items - these don't have to be enormously valuable or even racing related. In recent years we've had bespoke tailoring and football hospitality amongst other gifts offered by Club members and supporters. So please dig deep, oh and also bring full wallets on the evening.

## Scrutineering

We have again benefited from having a series scrutineer in the person of Jon Crook. His style is not to be constantly harassing drivers over tiny issues (- he leaves that to some of the muppets we've had at race meetings this year .... eg. Overly polished fire extinguishers or asymmetrical seat belts as at Snetterton) but to monitor the series at arm's length. He was involved with the sealing and later rolling road assessment of 4 cars at the latter end of this season. We are pleased to report that no cheating was uncovered as a result of this scrutiny.

However the Club is determined to maintain its reputation for fair, cost effective racing on a level playing field for technical and competition matters. Consequently, we are pleased that Jon Crook is remaining with us and will use his extensive international experience to ensure that cheats will not prosper in Sports 2000. We will again reserve the right to seal engines during 2018 but are also looking at the use of unannounced mandatory rolling road tests.

## Driving standards

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Steward. Paul has used his many years of competitive driving to adjudicate on a number of issues and to quietly "have a word" in various drivers' ears. This has undoubtedly contributed to the standards of driving that have been pretty good across the season.

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## 2018 calendar

Colin is in the midst of planning the SRCC schedule for 2018 and this will be announced via the website as soon as he can be reasonably confident of the dates being fixed. The aim is for a similar itinerary though hopefully with a visit to the revitalised Donington Park.

We expect a similar series format with 8-10 rounds of the sprint championships and a 3 round Enduro series.

The only meeting this year that resulted in a significant financial loss to the Club was the Brands GP Enduro event where we had a disappointing entry of 20. We hope to get a Brands GP circuit date again in 2018 but this will be a Sprint Championship event -possibly combined grid -in order to limit any financial losses. It's a fabulous circuit to race on - few series ever get the opportunity to - but circuit hire is especially expensive.

## European race

We had hoped to return to Zandvoort in 2018 but, at the time of writing, look unlikely to gain the reassurance that we won't face hassle over noise limits. Consequently, Colin is actively investigating the prospect of race at the Nurburgring in collaboration with the German Sports 2000 fraternity. As soon as anything is finalised we'll make an announcement on the Forum and the Club website.

## Website

Speaking of the website we have been heartened by the universally popular changes that were made last winter to the SRCC internet pages. With the help and funding of Club stalwarts John Deane Bowers and Paul Streat further improvements are afoot.

If you have any suggestions or expertise to offer, please contact John or Paul directly or via Colin.

## Hospitality

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the delicious cakes and biscuits that appeared throughout the season. Whilst acknowledging that our facilities do not yet rival the F1 Paddock Club we do think it's important to have somewhere for competitors to congregate. However, the burden of transporting the awning, tables and chairs is an additional burden for Colin and Mira. Any offers of taking on this small but important feature of the Club?

## Duratec Champions prize drive



On 18th October Duratecs Champion Tom Stoten had his full factory supported outing in a Ginetta G55. The test was at a wet Donington Park but the weather failed to dampen Tom's enthusiasm. Afterwards he said "I had tried to be ready for all the extra power but was still amazed by how much there was. Even in the wet the Ginetta was very driveable and I had the time of my life. I can

only begin to imagine what a buzz there would be competing on a grid of these fabulous cars"

On behalf of the SRCC Colin said "Tom is a very worthy Duratec Champion and so we are specially delighted with how well the test went. We are massively grateful to Nathan Freke at Century Motorsport for supporting us in this way and in giving Tom a proper series of sessions to really get a feel for such a superb

competition car". Colin added: "The Century Motorsport prize offers a proper step up possibility for the young hot shoes competing in Sports 2000 Duratec cars but also the prospect of a drive-of-a lifetime for our fast but older drivers who plan to stay competing in our series".

Many thanks to Mike Turner for arranging this amazing prize and to Century Motorsport boss Nathan Freke who has already confirmed that the prize drive will again be offered in 2018.

Pinto Champion Mike Fry will shortly have his prize drive session in an MCR Duratec courtesy of Clive Hayes and MCR Motorsport – for which the Club is also enormously grateful.



## Parish Notices

For anyone who previously doubted what a romantic lot Sports Racing car drivers are, please note the following nuptials during 2017:

- Chris and Gaby Snowdon
  - Paul and Jackie Trayhurn
  - Clive and Sue Steeper
- ... many congratulations to them all.

And it would be remiss of us not to mention MCR boss Clive Hayes' recent return to the Paddock after major surgery. You were much missed by us all Clive, and it was great to see you back at Brands Hatch looking amazingly fit. We hope to see you back behind the wheel next season.



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