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70s ROAD SPORTS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Competitor

Many thanks to all the competitors who responded to my earlier Newsletter requesting a new vote on whether we should allow the use of Hi Torque starter motors in our Series. Twenty eight competitors voted, twenty one in favour with seven against, therefore four to one in agreement. I will ask Alan if it's possible to add this new ruling to our 2012 Technical Regulations.

You may have read in the last HSCC magazine that the Board believes we should try to improve the overall race experience at our meetings. In a way we are victims of our own success, very few other race meetings have the number of entries seen at HSCC meetings with the resulting pressure on facilities, particularly the paddock. What we would like to see is dedicated parking area for each Championship, hopefully on hard standing where available, taking into consideration there are preparers servicing multiple Championship cars and of course other complications. I for one would like to see a situation where we could have all 70s competitors parked up together, we could have a focal point, say a large gazebo or similar, allowing us to socialise perhaps after the race and even present the awards. All of this will take some organising, firstly by the Club a realistic paddock plan marked out on the ground and secondly by us the competitors, someone or ideally more than just one competitor who could arrive at the meeting, confirm the boundaries of our "patch" and keep out any invaders. If we are successful in pulling this off I wonder whether there are competitors who are prepared to help, if so could they perhaps let me know. We will also continue to monitor the scrutineering queues, at times they can still be frustrating but of course the overall situation has improved by the introduction of day before scrutineering.

Mention was made in an earlier Newsletter that we have a Race Incident Report in place now which a member of the Committee will fill out with the drivers concerned, as and when required, after our race. We would like to keep a record of any contact between competitors, on the rare occasions we have an incident this will I am sure help. It is not the intention to be judge and jury but if an understanding can be reached between competitors it can only be beneficial.

Again this year we will continue to govern our regulations with the help of Ralph, Dallas and his team; weighing is relatively easy to do however ride heights, carburettors and choke tubes have also been checked on various cars and in addition engines sealed. This year we would like to look at fuel injection systems and also the ECU's where fitted, I understand we can check the map to make sure it remains as manufactured.

I have mentioned in the past that we would like to have our own website to relay and exchange information relevant to the 70s. Unfortunately this is not progressing as quickly as we would like, Julian has other things on his mind at the moment, however we will try to have something up and running before the season starts.

John Thomason was hoping to display his immaculate Championship winning car at the Race Retro Show, unfortunately it's in bits apparently, looking for ways to make it go even quicker I suspect. David Erwin has kindly offered his car again but I was wondering if anyone else was prepared to loan their car for the weekend on the HSCC stand, if so could you contact me or Alan in the Office.

70s Dinner – we have made a major decision to put back the Dinner by a week, it will now be held on Saturday the 3rd of March, the same venue as last year. Unfortunately the Hotel double booked, we were second inline but we had left it a little late so are now paying the price. I can only apologise especially if this throws into turmoil anyone's best laid plans, it of course will not now be the same weekend as Race Retro, I am really sorry about this. Please do not try to book a room until the invitations are out.

Hope to see as many of you as possible at the Dinner.

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