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70s ROAD SPORTS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Competitor

The early season opening race at Silverstone kicked off in dry conditions albeit fairly cold and blustery. Entries were somewhat down on what one would expect for the first race of the year at Donington; 23 for our race, however, a number of cars were not ready in time so maybe if it had been early April we would have seen nearly 30 competitors. I didn't see all the races but I am reliably informed we put on probably the best race with duels throughout the field, none better than the titanic battle between Steve Cook and Alan Harper who continued to swap places throughout the race with some real door handle stuff around Luffield – really fantastic to watch!

Can I just remind all competitors of the decision we made at the Driver's Meeting in October and laid out in my Newsletter of December 2009 with regard to policing our Regulations and in particular action to be taken on controlling the minimum weights. Just to reiterate, any cars which competed during 2009 would be excluded from the results at any meeting this year where they failed to meet the published minimum weights – please read the Newsletter again for a full explanation of the requirements for this season. With this in mind it is disappointing to report that 6 cars failed the minimum weight at Silverstone. I will publish the full list, however the results are as follows: Mark Brown 23.5k under, Alan Harper 5kg, Alex Childs 18kg, Peter Shaw 8kg, Paul Anderson 1kg and Paul Conway 12kg. In conjunction with Dallas, our Chief Scrutineer, consideration was given to excluding these competitors from the results; on the day we did not take that course of action but please rest assured from Cadwell onwards we will not be so lenient. The weighbridge at the circuit is what we have and they are certified so the onus is on the competitor to make sure cars comply. If anyone wants to push it to the limit, for example trying to be 1 or 2kgs over at the end of the meeting, then in my view I think they are asking for trouble.

As previously stated we will be carrying out further checks throughout the year. Dallas was due to seal some engines last Sunday but unfortunately was called away, however, we will be sealing engines at future meetings.

Regulations are now available for the Silverstone Classic. Can I gently remind everyone that only cars that are well presented will be considered and in addition the Office will look at loyalty to the Championship and competitiveness within the various classes.

Cadwell will soon be upon us so I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Charles Barter
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