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70s ROAD SPORTS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Competitor

In my October newsletter I mentioned how your Committee will police our Regulations in 2010. There has been considerable discussion about vehicle weights in the past and the mood of the Drivers' Meeting was quite clear. To further emphasize the point there will, therefore, be no concessions for cars competing in the 2010 Series that do not meet the minimum weight limit at any meeting. If the minimum weight is not achieved, the competitor will not be classified in the results for that meeting and, in addition, will not be allowed to use that meeting as a dropped score in the Championship. If there are any other contraventions of the Vehicle Regulations identified during scrutineering or vehicle check by say our Registrar, the competitor will have until the next meeting to correct the non-compliance without penalty. At this years Silverstone Finals seven cars were taken to the scrutineering bay for the engines to be sealed, only two cars had the appropriate holes drilled, so basically five cars failed to comply with our Regulations. We will be sealing engines next year during the checking process which will include ride height, brakes, lightweight starter motors, inlet manifolds, carburettors etc and we are still looking for a machine/device to check engine capacity; something that is required by most Championships in the HSCC.

A further change to our Regulations, agreed at the Drivers' Meeting, which I neglected to list in my last Newsletter is the additional point for fastest in Class during qualifying. Although draft regulations have been submitted to the MSA (they had to be in by the end of October), there is still an opportunity to tidy up any small points before the new season. However, there will be no further changes to the Vehicle Regulations so please all competitors make sure your cars comply. 2010 Regulations with an updated list of vehicle weights will be posted on the Website as soon as possible. However, if anyone has any queries please do not hesitate to contact either Ralph, your Committee or me.

In my October Newsletter I made an error when listing the changes in the Regulations concerning tyres 5.13. It should have said 'Tyres must have a **minimum** of 50 profile etc'.

A number of 70's Competitors assisted Chris Sharples on the stand at the Classic Car Show; many thanks for your help, which was supported by the Silverstone Classic event. We had loads of enquiries for membership and interest from potential competitors who wanted to race with either 70's or HRS; also from other Motor Clubs who would like to come along to some of our meetings. The net result of all this co-operation and the hard work put in by Grahame White and Chris Sharples means Roadsports may well have a race at next year's Silverstone Classic to be held over the weekend of 24th and 25th July. This will, of course, be shared between 70s and HRS so there is likely to be 24 places on the grid per Championship. The Office will then have the unenviable task of selecting cars to make up the grid. The criteria used will be wide and varied but will include loyalty to our series, competitiveness within classes and, very importantly, presentation of the competition car.



Grahame White is still working on next year's calendar, however as I mentioned previously, we are very likely to have a few longer races next year so we should have a wide range of events to satisfy all competitors.

70's Roadsports have had concerns about Driving Standards in the past; although I believe now resolved, however, the Club wishes to maintain high standards across all Championships and to this end will be sending out a Code of Conduct on Driving Standards before our programme commences next year.

Julian will be sending out details of the 70s Dinner to be held on Saturday 27th February 2010 in the New Year. The venue, as this year, is Whatley Hall Hotel in Banbury and will follow a similar format, so a great night in store – please put it in the diary now! Julian has also asked that if anyone is not receiving his emails, to contact him on jujub@ukonline.co.uk and he will update his address book.

I know I have said this many times before but this series would not be so successful and so much fun without the effort and dedication of so many competitors. It is often dangerous to mention names (damned if you do, damned if you don't) but I must thank most sincerely the Committee, **Ralph, Jim Nairn** and **Julian** for all they do.

Finally, it just leaves me to wish you all, and our fantastic team in the Office, Season's Greetings and all good wishes for the New Year.

Charles Barter
Chairman, 70s Roadsports