

Historic Sports Car Club Formula Ford Championship Series. 2010

Third race of 2010, and for the marshals and spectators it was boring; but for us - what a circuit!

Silverstone GP circuit may have been built for F1 cars but attacking bends where they brake and we don't was pretty awesome.

A small change to the Darren Burke/Ben Simms/Ian Ashley order for top three was that a certain youngster whose Dad won the Championship last year came THIRD!

His achievement was helped a little by no less than five lightweight cars having to start from the back, BUT Ben Mitchell at the tender age of 16 (17 next month) and with last years car rebuilt and finished the night before practice beat 35 other drivers to the podium.

Dammit! ANOTHER fast youngster on the grid! Well done Ben!

Front runners were a little stretched out, but there were some bunched battles and very tight finishes further down the grid with the unusual sight of 5 Lolas and 5 Merlyns finishing together in two separate battles. One or two other friendly fights petered out near the end with 'fuel pick up' problems - may have something to do with Hanger Straight using more fuel than expected....

WEIGHT.

The underweight issue was dealt with by the MSA officer because one car was so underweight it could not have been overlooked. Unfortunately those that did just dip under were embroiled too.

Lesson to us all.

MORE WELCOMES.

With such a big grid we were quite a sight. We had a few new names to welcome too, John Belsey, Andy Oliver, Austin Mackie, Andrew Goord, John Owen, Harvey Sykes, Stuart Dix, Stephen King and of course ex-GP driver Ian Ashley. If I've welcomed you before it's because there are so many faces and I've got to the stage of repeating myself..

Some ranging from no experience to others with a small background of historic stuff and to winners of Grand Prix. We are a mixed bunch. Welcome again and we hope you enjoy our company..

AVON TYRES HFF DRAW.

Somewhat cheekily (and because I didn't get to do it there) I used the Cadwell Park fixture list at Silverstone for one of our annual 3 sets of Avon Tyres prize draw and Brian Morris (another new man to our happy band), you won!

NEXT IS SNETTERTON 5/6 JUNE.

A double meeting for us and for those staying at the circuit or nearby on Saturday night you are invited to one of our FORMULA FORD NOSH-UPS! About 7.30 pm.

A Barbeque will be provided with Lincolnshire's finest sausages and burgers, Sainsbury's best bread and hopefully complemented by Norfolk's nicest weather.

All we need from you is an agreement to part with a fiver per head and the number of mouths to be fed. All welcome, bring the kids too.

If you want to join us please let me know by Sunday 30 May email jane.dikko@virgin.net or 01920 871153. Dick Dixon. I can probably add for last minute orders if you're not sure of your plans...

OVERTAKING.

A note to all you rapid boys... with so many new to the series please can I remind you that it is YOUR responsibility to get past those slower than you SAFELY. Thanks.

Some already race with the Classic FF boys but this was sent to me by their man Andy Hodson.

We have had our 2010 Regulations amended to allow in one-off drivers without the need for them to join either BARC or the CFF Register. This may be attractive to some of the HSCC drivers. Should any HSCC drivers wish to join us, they would be very welcome. They would need to contact BARC direct (fao Nicola Bush) on 01264 882200. Any questions, don't hesitate to ask. Either email, or mobile 07795 367125, or at home on 01494 673921.

Good luck with your season, Regards, Andy (CFFR Coordinator)