



July 2008

## The 2008 Silverstone Classic

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS & TEAMS**

**To be read in conjunction with the Race Final Instructions and relevant information from your Race Group Coordinators.**

#### 1. Introduction

- Thank you for entering the 2008 Silverstone Classic. As the new organisers/promoters we sincerely hope you will have an enjoyable, competitive and safe event with us.
- The Silverstone Classic is a festival celebration of motor racing and motoring across eight decades and to that end it is very important to us that you have an enjoyable time.
- **As the new promoters we have ambitious plans for this and future years and in order to meet the important goal of restoring this annual festival to the one we remember in the 90s we inevitably have to introduce some bold changes. Your understanding and support with these changes is very much appreciated.**
- With 14 race group paddocks, over 650 competition cars and over 900 competitors this year we have one of the world's largest race paddocks, which is fantastic. It does however, mean that all our race paddocks are completely full and in order to preserve a quality presentation fitting with an International Event we must all be rigorous in our paddock management.
- The introduction of **NO VEHICLES** (trucks/transporters/lorries/vans/cars/trailers etc) in the main paddock and tented paddocks will I know be met with some early apprehension. However, this is an extremely important feature to our new plans in order to dispel the previous year's criticism of "*it looks like a Truck GP paddock!*" and "*why can't we get closer to the race cars?*" Having worked closely with all the relevant race coordinators, who have given their full support on your behalf to this new initiative, we believe that with your support it will be a workable format that meets with much improved comment. (Only exception in the main paddock is WSM which is a transporter/awning based paddock)
- The new 'Race Assembly Catwalk' (in the main paddock) procedure may be strange to start with but again we are confident that it is the right direction and with everyone's support will become a positive and attractive feature.
- **We also seek your support in remaining in your paddock with your race car on display for the full 3-day event despite your race finish day/time. Half empty paddocks on Sunday morning is not a welcome site for our visitors and the media. Whilst we appreciate that not all competitors have races on both days we are taking a detailed look at future timetables to provide the best possible race mix/track time possible. For this year however, your support by staying to Sunday pm is very much appreciated.**
- As the nature of the Silverstone Classic festival is classic and historic motoring it is essential for us to prohibit any non-essential contemporary vehicles in the centre of the circuit and any vehicles found without the appropriate pass will be removed.
- I do hope all our changes and the following information provides assistance in making your race entry in the Silverstone Classic that much more enjoyable.



## 2. Outline of Event Programme

- Wednesday (pm) – First Arrival, check-in, collect passes etc and paddock set-up
- Thursday – Arrival, check-in, collect passes etc, paddock set-up and pre-booked testing
- **Friday** (Public day 1) – Final Arrival (by 9am), check-in, collect passes etc, paddock set-up & qualifying
- **Saturday** (Public day 2) – Races 1 to 11
- **Sunday** (Public day 3) – Races 12 to 21

## 3. Passes

- **NO competitor/team/officials passes are being sent prior to the event.**
- The Event Pass System is designed for collection of all passes at the Welcome Centre on first arrival and is the same procedure for all competitors, officials etc.

## 4. On First Arrival

- On first arrival (for all) follow signs on Dadford Road (Off A43 or from Buckingham) to VIP Parking in Car Park 50 via **Entrance W10. (Not the regular Silverstone entrance but the next roundabout on the Dadford Road approx 500 meters south of the W5 main entrance)**
- For the Silverstone Classic all competitors, teams, officials are recognised as VIP's for parking.
- Drive through Car Park 50 following signs to the Welcome Centre.
- A Vehicle Pass is not required to access the VIP Parking in Car Park 50 on first arrival during Wednesday, Thursday and before 9am on Friday (All paddocks to be completed by 9am Friday).

## 5. Welcome Centre

- A new **Silverstone Classic Welcome Centre** will be located at the North of Car Park 50.
- On first arrival park-up and check-in at the Welcome Centre to receive your **Competitors Welcome Pack** (labelled for the race entrant). In this Welcome Pack you will find your allocated personnel passes (3-day wristbands) and vehicle passes as per the race entry regulations.
- Feel free to leave passes for colleagues etc with the assistance of the friendly Welcome Centre Team who will have envelopes etc on hand. Also, enjoy a complimentary coffee/tea whilst checking-in!
- Open from Noon to 9pm on the Wednesday, the Welcome Centre will open each day thereafter from 7am till 9pm as the Centre is the event base for any event enquiries and all pass collections.

## 6. VIP Shuttle Service – Courtesy of Renault UK

- A fleet of chauffeur driven Renault Espace vehicles will operate back and forth from the Welcome Centre to Race Control from early Thursday to late Sunday providing ample transfer at all times.
- **Please do assist our event organisation by leaving your non-essential vehicles in the VIP Car Park and utilising the above shuttle service at all times.**

## 7. Competitors Welcome Pack

- In your Competitors Welcome Pack you will find:
  - 6 (or 8 for two-driver car entries) x 3-day Driver/Team wristbands that are required to be worn throughout the entire event. These will provide access to all areas including the Drivers Club.
  - 1 x Race Transporter Pass. Individually issued and your transporter Registration Number applied.
  - 1 (or 2 for two-driver car entries) x VIP Vehicle Pass for following day returns to the VIP Car Park (Car park 50 via W10) – **(PLEASE DO DISPLAY THESE PASSES PROMINENTLY IN YOUR WINDSCREENS AND PARK IN THE DESIGNATED AREAS AT ALL TIMES TO AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY VEHICLE REMOVAL!)**
  - Event Souvenir Programme and other items.



- If you require any additional event day passes for guests/friends we are pleased to offer a special rate of 2 for 1 for on-the-day prices of Friday £30, Saturday £35 or Sunday £35. Simply call 08717 03 38 48 (office hours) and quote special code **SCRACE** to receive the special price. (Kids u16 go FREE)

## 8. Paddock Parking & Set-Up

- Access to paddocks will be from 7pm on Wednesday. Possibly earlier subject to paddock preparation.
- From the Welcome Centre you will be escorted or guided to your race paddock by the special Paddock Management Team where your race group co-ordinator will allocate your paddock space for the entire event. For Thursday testing your event paddock will be your base.
- Please do assist the special Paddock Management Team at all times. Their guidance is provided to make available the best possible assistance and professional paddock presentation in the interest of this international status event.
- For race groups in the main paddock garages (FIA HFO, GPM, Group C) and those who have been provided with marque paddocks (HGPCA, HSCC, HFJ, FORCE F1) we require (as previously advised by your race groups) for you to unload and then swiftly move your race transporter (Artic, Lorry, Van, Car/Trailer Etc) to the private/secure compound area on Stowe Apron (South of the Circuit) as guided by the Paddock Management Team. This team will provide friendly assistance at all times and use quad bikes to take trailers etc to the compound.
- For transporters of race groups in the paddock garages (FIA HFO, GPM & Group C) you will be escorted on to the track (via the National Straight) to enter down pit-lane and unload on the pit-lane side to your allocated garage. After unloading the Paddock Management Team will escort you to the above compound. **Your opportunity for access for unloading is Wed and Thurs from 5pm to 10pm.**
- For those groups in the paddock garages, keys will be available to lock garage doors. These keys will be available from Race Control (1<sup>st</sup> Floor) on payment of a returnable deposit.
- During the Event a shuttle service of Renault Espace's and Van's will constantly run back and forth from the Scrutineering Bay to your trucks etc in the above compound for any urgent access and transport of parts etc. Please feel free to use this service at any time. (For urgent access see your race coordinator)
- For race groups in the paddock garages please assemble your race cars facing the paddock (not pit-wall as normal) as access to the track will be via the main paddock and the new Race Assembly Catwalk.
- For **HGPCA and WSM** it would assist greatly if you could please arrive for **paddock set-up on Wednesday pm**. Where this is not possible assisted access will be available during Thursday.
- ALL RACE PADDOCK SET-UP is required to be completed by 9am (Latest) Friday morning as The Silverstone Classic is a public event open to ticket holders from 8am that day.
- **Please do assist the presentation and success of the event by not attempting to park non-essential vehicles/cars etc in your paddocks. Please transfer all non-working Motorhomes etc to the competitor's Motorhome/Camping area.** (see details on last page)

## 9. Special Race Preparers Area

- The following multi-car race preparers have been allocated a special paddock area:
  - Simon Hadfield Racing
  - Hall & Hall
  - Martin Stretton Racing
  - RW Racing
  - Gary Pearson Engineering
  - Sid Hoole Racing
  - Ian Nuthall Racing
- On first arrival at the venue the above teams will be guided to their allocated area.



#### 10. Competitor Signing-On

- All race competitor signing-on will be in Race Control (1<sup>st</sup> Floor) starting from 8am Thursday.

#### 11. Scrutineering

- All scrutineering will take place in situ within each race paddock. **Last scrutineering for all race groups is 10am Friday.**

#### 12. NEW Race Assembly Catwalk

- This new feature has been created to generate a highly visible and popular viewing and photographic area allowing visitors and media to see, close-up, drivers preparing for their track session and races.
- The Race Assembly Catwalk is 10m wide and ample for 3-lanes allowing pre-race assembly as per previous locations. Row markings will be in place and the Paddock Management Team will be on hand to assist. From the Catwalk access to the track will be through the Race Control garages and via pit-lane with track access controlled by the lights at the end of pit-lane.
- **This feature will be used for all track sessions including Thursday testing.**

#### 13. Race Starts

- All races with the exception of HFO, HFJ, HGPCA & Porsche will feature a rolling-start procedure.
- Rolling Start Procedure – All races held at end of pit-lane on red light. On release there will be one-lap behind Safety Car. The Safety Car will leave the circuit at the Luffield pit-lane entrance and the race will start under the National Startline Gantry. **(See Race Final Instructions and driver briefings for final information)**

#### 14. Refuelling

- For the WSM race and the 90 min Group C race all refuelling will take place in front of the Group C garages towards the end of pit-lane. **(Please see Race Final Instructions and driver/group briefings for final information)**

#### 15. Winners Podium Presentations

- All race awards will be presented immediately following each race on a new podium built in the main paddock adjacent to Race Control.
- New trophies have been commissioned from 2008 and they will be presented to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> overall positions (or shared for 2-driver races) along with champagne and a garland to the 1<sup>st</sup> place driver(s).
- For 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> drivers please return via pit-lane to Race Control, park alongside Race Control, as directed, and attend the Winner's Podium ASAP. If you are required to drive directly to Parc Fermé transport will be waiting to take you to the podium.

#### 16. The Drivers Club

- Located in The Jimmy Brown Centre with access via the Copse Entrance in the centre of the paddock, where a **David Leslie Memorial Race Car Display** will be featured.
- Open Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 8am to 7pm with complimentary hot & cold drinks provided for consumption within The Drivers Club. A selection of snacks also available and comfortable furnishings, television, newspapers are provided for a relaxed atmosphere.
- Access is with your Driver/Team Wristband only.



#### 17. Drivers Cocktail Reception

- On the Saturday evening during the WSM race all competitors plus a guest will be invited for drinks & canapés in the BRDC Clubhouse from 7.30pm to 9pm, with race viewing to 9.30pm.
- Access will be by Invitation Card provided at Signing-On.

#### 18. Competitors Motorhome/Camping Area

- As per 2007 this is provided in the area known as Winter Hills on the outside of the circuit just north of the Pedestrian Footbridge from the main paddock and accessed via the outer ring-road. Full facilities as per last year are provided.
- Plots are FOC but please complete and fax-back the booking form as supplied by your race coordinator.

#### 19. The Bonhams Auction

- This year the Bonhams Auction (located adjacent to the Scarf & Goggles) features Lotus & Porsche Road & Race Cars and related Automobilia. In addition, it has recently been announced that the **Richard Lloyd Collection** will feature with some interesting lots. The Auction takes place on Saturday starting at 5pm with car lots from around 6pm to 8pm and viewing during Friday and Saturday.
- Entry is by the special Auction Catalogue but Bonhams have kindly provided a special exclusive competitor viewing on the Friday with the opportunity to purchase the catalogue at half-price during the viewing. Please find your special Friday Viewing Invitation Card in your Competitor Welcome Pack.

#### 20. General Information

- Cycling is actively encouraged around the festival at all times. The event organisation team are sponsored by Raleigh using cycles throughout the entire event! So don't forget to load your cycles!!
- Our current expectations are c. 50,000 visitors during the 3-day festival. Over 60 classic car clubs and over 4,000 classic cars have booked for display and advance ticket sales are currently up 100% on this time last year!
- Apart from the fabulous race line-up of 21 races there is extensive entertainment and attractions throughout the festival. Please see the **What's On Guide** and **Event Timetable**.
- All races are televised for **Motors TV** with the majority **LIVE** with almost 24 hours of coverage during the Friday & Saturday. A post event 1-hour programme on GP/F1 cars will be screened on Channel 4.
- The event website at [www.silverstoneclassic.com](http://www.silverstoneclassic.com) contains extensive event information.
- Please do advise your race coordinator **full information of your entry** at your earliest opportunity to make sure the event souvenir programme is listing the most latest and accurate race entry information.

Many thanks once again for entering this popular international festival of nostalgic motor racing and for providing your full support with the many new-initiatives we have introduced to meet our objectives of re-establishing the No. 1 Classic/Historic Motor Racing Festival.

From the entire organisation team at Motion Works we look forward to welcoming you to Silverstone at the end of July and wish you an enjoyable and safe 2008 Silverstone Classic.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Etccl', written over a horizontal line.

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