

## IMAGES OF CAR-nival



ABINGDON MOTORSPORT

The CMSGCC and Dolphin Motor Club  
Presents



*(Cover picture is last years winner Barrie Parker in his Lotus Elise)*

# The CAR-nival Autosolo

At Dalton Barracks, Abingdon

SATURDAY 7th JUNE 2008

## Introduction

This will be the 12th year of the Abingdon Motorsport CAR-nival and with each year the event seems to get bigger and better. It is the second year an Autosolo has been run at the event and this year the event counts towards the CMSGCC Autosolo Championship and BTRDA Autosolo Newcomers Challenge.

Autosolo's are fast becoming a popular event and the Abingdon weekend for all the different events are nearly always oversubscribed. So get your entries in quick as entries will be dealt purely on 'First come first served basis'.

As a part of The Abingdon Motorsport CAR-nival Weekend (which has raised over £120,000 in 11 years), a large element of the event is based around raising money for The Army Benevolent Fund (Charity No 211645) & The Stowford House Rehabilitation Centre (Charity No 243837). Because of this, you will note that we ask you to make a 'separate contribution' towards the charitable part of the event rather than simply incorporating it into the entry fee. We will accept this element on a separate cheque (Sponsors should note that charitable donations may be tax deductible!). Whilst this may be paid separately, it is a MANDATORY part of the entry package. In addition to your direct contributions, we also donate a large proportion of any profits made from the event towards the charities.

The CAR-nival weekend apart from the Autosolo also features Sprinting, Off-Road Driving and a Stage Rally as well as Camping, a large Beer Tent & BBQ. Anyone wishing to stay for the weekend is welcome although you must appreciate that the facilities are 'as a farmers field'. Camping and caravans are free of charge. Anyone wishing to stay locally will find adequate accommodation at a number of Travel Lodges and Travel Inns all within easy reach of the venue (early booking is recommended for either The Apple Cart (Travel Inn - Didcot) or the Holiday Inn Express (Pear Tree Interchange - Oxford).

We urge you to join us at The Abingdon Motorsport CAR-nival Stages, an event which has become a 'must do' on the motor sporting calendar.

ABINGDON MOTORSPORT CAR-nival  
SATURDAY 7th/8th June 2008

*STAYING OVERNIGHT....?*

*Why not join us for some*

**EXTRA TIME!**

**IN THE BIG MARQUEE**

**For**

**Bar B Que**

**And few Beers**

**Licensed Bar**

(5—11.30pm)

**FREE CAMPING & CARAVANS**

## About AutoSolo's

- ⇒ An AutoSolo consists of a number of timed, 'all forwards' tests, on hard surfaces, within test areas, usually, of up to 200 x 200 yards. The tests don't require specialised manoeuvres such as spin turns, and their design and marking are intended to make the routes easy to follow.
- ⇒ Compared to traditional autotests, speeds through corners may be a little higher, and the tests longer, with cars starting at timed intervals rather than waiting for the last one to finish. Competitors also act as course marshals, on a rotating basis.
- ⇒ The introduction of AutoSolo's in the UK has been inspired by similar events which are well established in the USA, where they are called Solo 2's, or Autocross (no connection with our grass events). Solo 1's are what we know as Sprints !
- ⇒ For further insight into the American scene, a good starting point is the Sports Car Club of America website, [www.scca.com](http://www.scca.com).
- ⇒ Other clubs who regularly hold Autosolo events are Farnborough & District, Bristol , Owen, Knutsford, Oxford and Ross & District

## Amenities on site

There are toilets on the site and there will be various catering vans providing food, but these may be a bit of a distance from the autosolo area, however, the lunch break should give you ample time to visit these.

## The Abingdon Motorsport CAR-nival Autosolo

Saturday 7th June 2008

### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. The Cotswold Motor Sports Group Competitors Club in conjunction with Dolphin Motor Club (Newbury) Limited will promote a Clubsport permit AutoSolo event on Saturday 7th June 2008, at Dalton Barracks, Abingdon.
2. The meeting will be governed by the General Regulations of The Motor Sports Association (incorporating the provisions of the FIA's International Sporting Code); these Supplementary Regulations; and any written instructions that the organisers issue for the event.  
  
MSA permit No. 47220 has been issued.
3. The event is open to all members of CMSGCC, BTRDA, Dolphin MC, Farnborough DMC, Middlesex County Automobile Club, and Club Triumph.
4. As per MSA Competitors Yearbook Section (D) 63. Drivers 16, or 17 and over without a full RTA Licence may enter the event providing the vehicle used is by definition as a 'touring (*production*) car', a full description of this can be found on page 64 of the Yearbook.
5. Scrutineering and signing on will start at 8.00am, tests start at 10:00am, any competitor not signed on by 9.30am may be excluded.
6. The event will consist of 6 classes as follows;  
  
Class A. Historics, Any car registered before 01 Jan 1975.  
Class B. Production saloon cars with engine up to 1400cc  
Class C. Production saloon cars with engine between 1401cc and 2000cc  
Class D. Production saloon cars with engine over 2000cc  
Class E. Production 2 seat sports cars (open and fixed roof)  
Class F. All cars not eligible for classes A to E, kit cars, low volume sports cars.  
  
Cars eligible for Class A will run in that class, rather than the corresponding classes from B to E  
  
Petrol engine cars with forced induction will in class B and C move up one capacity class. Rotary engine cars will be classed at twice it's normal capacity. Diesel cars with or without forced induction will run in the class corresponding to their engine capacity.  
  
Production cars are those running with original panel and window materials, although additional panels, e.g. wheel arch extensions, and accessories may be added. They must have full trim and seats although type may be replaced. The original manufacturer's engine type must be fitted in the original position, but it may be tuned. Suspension may be altered within its original configuration.  
  
All vehicles must comply with MSA Technical Regulations. All vehicles must be taxed and insured for the public road. A current MOT certificate must be produced at scrutineering: exemption can only be given to vehicles less than three years old, and then proof of date of first registration will be required. Vehicles must compete on road-legal tyres.  
  
**All vehicles must have been driven to the event via the public highway.**

7. Championship

The event will be a qualifying round of CMSGCC Autosolo championship, BTRDA Autosolo Newcomers Challenge and Dolphin Motor Club's Championship.

8. Awards will be as follows

Fastest Time of Day - To the driver with the lowest total time.  
1st in Class - An Award  
2<sup>nd</sup> in Class - An Award (min. 5 entries in class)  
3<sup>rd</sup> in class - An Award (min. 10 entries in class)

Fastest Lady award: For the lady driver finishing highest overall \*.

First Dolphin Club Member (*with full membership*)\*

Under 21 award: For the highest overall finisher under 21\*

(\*Subject to 3 eligible entries)

Classes with fewer than 3 starters may be amalgamated, and no competitor may win more than one award.

8. The entry list opens on publication of these SR's and entries must be received no later than Monday day, 2nd June. The standard entry fee is £28.

IN ADDITION TO THE STANDARD FEES, ENTRIES ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM £5 CONTRIBUTION TO CHARITY. (Which can be paid for on a separate cheque if required.)

Entries must be on the official entry form, with the correct entry fee.

**The Secretary of the Meeting, to whom all entries must be sent, is:**

Chris Hopkins  
7 Downs Close  
Eastbury  
Hungerford  
Berkshire, RG17 7JW

Tel, evenings up to 9.30 pm: 01488 73325. Email: chris.hopkins@vodafone.net

9. The maximum entry is 45 and the minimum, 20. Entries will be accepted in order of receipt, and acknowledged by email/post.

Due to the event format, the same driver cannot enter in more than one car or class, but the same car can be shared by up to two drivers.

If the minimum is not reached, the event may be cancelled, in which case, entry fees will be refunded. If a competitor has to withdraw, and gives reasonable notice, their entry fee will be refunded. Entries withdrawn within less than two days of the event may be subject to a small admin fee, before a refund is made.

10. Other officials of the meeting are:

Clerk of the Course:	Bob Muttram
Event Secretary:	Chris Hopkins
Chief Marshall:	Andy Spindlow
Results Officers:	Diane Harrison
Scrutineers	Ian Harrison + TBA
Steward:	TBA

11. Signing On

All competitors on the event must produce a valid membership card at signing on. Those competitors' clubs who are members of CMSG clubs but who don't have CMSGCC membership cards will be issued to them on completion of the membership form on the day.

If 'your' Club is not a member of the CMSGCC, or you are not a member of any of the invited clubs: Dolphin Club Membership, Full\* or Competition only is available. As we are mid year this will be at half our normal rates and will be valid until 31st December 2008.

\*(Full members receive club newsletters and regular bulletins of other events.)

12. Further Instructions concerning Marshalling schedule and running order will be issued at Signing On.

13. Timing will be by hand held stopwatches, there will be three runs at each test and best times from two runs will count towards the results. Marking and penalties will be in accordance with MSA Yearbook Section (D) Appendix 1, Table F1.

Wrong tests: If a driver returns to the point of their mistake, and then completes the test correctly, a wrong test does not apply.

Timing will be to 1/10 second.

14. Cones may be less than 1 metre in height.

15. All officials, and competitors while acting as marshals, will be Judges of Fact for the purposes stated in MSA Yearbook Section (D) 57.

16. Practising, or driving unsafely anywhere on the site, may result in exclusion. Also, cars must not be driven anywhere on the site by unlicensed or under age drivers, unless competing in accordance with SR 4.

17. Provisional results will be published at the end of the event. Any protest must be lodged in accordance with MSA Yearbook Section (A) 61 - 64.

18. Awards Presentation will take place in the Beer Tent at time to be announced during the drivers briefing.

19. Final Instructions and directions to the venue will be posted out and be on the Website, on or around Tuesday day, 3rd June.