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The new speed season is almost with us. By now the final fiddling with the cars should be completed, but in most cases I suspect there are still the odd things to be completed. The Southern region will start off the season at Longcross, where we have new, and enthusiastic event organisers. I have found them very helpful, and if any of you received their Christmas card, you will have seen that they have a lively sense of humour. This all bodes well for the future of this popular event, and we wish them well in their efforts to keep the venue open.

This is quickly followed by Rushmoor. A late entry in the calendar by popular request. We have always been made very welcome here, and I hope there will be a good entry even if it is very early in our season.

The Northern season opens in April at Curborough. This delightful little track near Lichfield looks quite simple as you walk it, but in fact, as so often, it requires considerable skill to put up a really good time. The secret (So I am told) is to maintain a smooth momentum all the way round, but that tricky bit round the "Mole hill" needs quite a bit of courage.

In May NW centre is organising the Hill Climb at Scammonden. Last year this had to be cancelled because of very low entry numbers, but this year we are hoping for much better support. The assembly area at the foot of the hill has been enlarged and given a new, clean surface of concrete, which will make competing a more comfortable experience, but in my opinion the big attraction of this hill is the large number of runs that you get.

Scammonden was the first Hill Climb I attempted two years ago, and I found it a wonderful training experience. The hill is short, but contains enough in changes of gradient and tricky bends to be a challenge. Because it is short you get a lot of runs. This enables you to try out different ideas and techniques in driving, and even variations in tyre pressures, with an accurate measure of your performance. There are no really hard things to hit if your enthusiasm exceeds your skill. In short it is an ideal venue for the start of the season. Ideal to set up both car and driver, and it is almost certainly the lowest entry fee you will have all year! Leave M62 at Junction 23 and follow the MGCC signs.

The new Luffield Stickers have been slightly delayed, but I am arranging for quantities to be available at both Longcross, Rushmoor and Curborough. Their will normally be some available at every venue.

REGS.

The 2008 regs booklets are now ready, and every registered competitor will receive a copy by post. If you need our Chamionship Permit number it is CHS2008/045(C) .

These booklets have been printed in sufficient quantities that we can afford to give them away to interested parties. Please do not hesitate to use them in this way, they are an excellent publicity aid to our Chamionship, to our Club and to our Sponsor.

So far we have 50 registered Competitors, which is good for this early in the season, but I estimate that there are at least 20 of you who have not got round to filling in the form yet. It is a great help to me if we can get all but a few registrations in before April, so please hurry. There is a small but very significant change to the form this year, which has fooled some of you. It concerns the very bottom of the form where the bit about Data Protection is mentioned. If you want to be on the mailing list of event organisers you need to put a cross in the box. (Last year you left it blank)

Because of the high cost of postage more and more event organisers are using e mail to circulate regs and entry forms. If you are not on e mail I will have a note of this for all registered competitors, and I will arrange for address labels to be sent to event organisers. However I would stress that this will usually mean that you receive regs a few days later than those on e mail, which for very popular events may be the difference between acceptance and disappointment. While I have been typing this an e mail from Llys y Fran has arrived asking for just this information.

David Wood, our Sponsor, is hoping to attend some of our fixtures this year, he expects to be at Curborough on April 6th. When he is there please make yourself known to him, I know you will make him welcome. There is even a possibility that he might enter his MGB in the odd event. According to the rules he cannot compete in the Championship, but I have assured him that he will always be welcome as a non championship driver.

Please Note

I shall be away in China (Not MG) from March 8th till March 17th. While my wife, Ann, will be her usual charming self, she will not be able to answer any queries.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.