



Newsletter



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Adopt a Driver Scheme Gets the Thumbs Up

The new Mini 7 Racing Supporters Club (M7RSC) has launched a new scheme that will enable all members to show their support by putting their name on the side of their favourite driver's car, with the chance to win special prizes in a M7RSC fantasy league.

All members of the new M7RSC will be asked to nominate their favourite driver and their name will appear on the side of the car in a 1cm x 6cm area.

The members will be entered into a fantasy league where 'their' driver scores points for them based on their finishing position and after a handicap weighting is added subject to the drivers finishing position in the 2006 championships.

The scheme will be implemented during the second half of the season once the new supporters club membership drive kicks in but the club has already received new membership applications since the new look Mini 7 Racing Supporters Club was launched last month

Round 2 Snetterton – 28/29 April

After the opening round at Silverstone it is off to Norfolk for the first of four Dunlop Great and British meetings on the 2007 Mini 7 Racing Club calendar.

The 2006 season got underway at Snetterton and saw wins for Max Hunter ahead of Andrew Deviny in the Se7en's and A just ahead of James Hall in the Mini Miglia's.

Provisional Timetable

Saturday 28th April

- 10:50 - Se7en / Miglia – Practice (20mins)
- 14:10 – Se7en – Qualifying (15mins)
- 15:05 – Miglia – Qualifying (15mins)

Sunday 29th April

- 9:30 start
- Race 3 – Radical Enduro – 45mins
- Race 4 (10:25) – Mini Se7ens – 20 mins**
- Race 5 – Radical Biduro – 20 mins
- Race 6 – Mini Challenge – 15 mins
- Race 7 – Sport Maxx – 20 mins
- Race 8 (12:20) – Mini Miglias – 20 mins**
- Race 9 – Radical Enduro – 45mins
- Race 10 – Westfield Sportscar – 20mins
- Race 11 – Radical Biduro – 20 mins
- Race 12 – Mini Challenge – 30 mins
- Race 13 – Sport Maxx – 20 mins

All times are provisional and subject to change by the organisers.

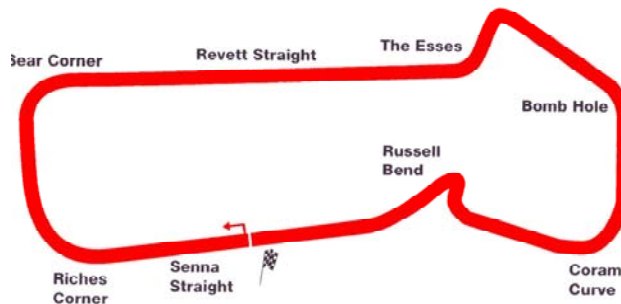
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Snetterton – 1.952 miles



POWERnights Target New Race Crowd and Mini's

A new motorsport series has been created to stage three Thursday evening racing events in 2007. *POWERnights* will be staged at Silverstone and Donington Park this August and will be followed by a regular series of multiple events from 2008.

POWERnights is an all-new motorsport series aimed at attracting new spectators, along with existing enthusiasts, to a weekday evening 4-hour motorsport entertainment programme. *POWERnights* will feature a line-up of invitation races with Club and National level drivers in popular race cars that fill the grids and are easily identified by the spectator. Races for Mini's, Caterham's, Ginetta's, Stock Hatches and Formula Ford's are top of the organisers list

Short entertaining sprint races with the traditional first across the line taking the race spoils, no points and no championships. The series has been developed to provide a non-stop on-track action sprint race entertainment for spectators and an attractive comprehensive circuit day for competitors.

POWERnights will be held on Thursdays where a full day competitor programme will provide; general track testing, followed by a short qualifying session in the afternoon and eight races between 6pm to 9pm. After the last race the paddock will be open to competitors, teams, marshals and spectators for a post-race BBQ, Bar and Race Awards Ceremony.

Each of the *POWERnights* events will be open to the public from 5pm, with the opportunity to purchase refreshments/programme etc before taking their seats/viewing positions for the 6pm start of 8 races. At Silverstone the grandstand seating in the Start Line, Woodcote & Luffield areas will be provided at no extra cost. At Donington Park available stand seating will be provided FREE. Tickets will be attractively priced at just £10 Adult in advance (£15 OTD) and kids go FREE providing an affordable, all inclusive, entertaining Thursday evening sport aimed at local commuters and families within a 30/45 minute driving radius of each venue.

For the competitor *POWERnights* will provide low budget one-day testing, practice and double-header racing during his/hers mid-week regular testing schedule, allowing them to arrive early and return home in a one-day schedule. Cost for entry will be around £250 + VAT for the day.

A *POWERnights* TV package has been confirmed with MotorsTV and a prize fund will also be available for each of the races.

More information on this exciting new venture will be issued in the next few weeks.



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**Dunlop Mini Miglia Challenge
Round 1 – Silverstone – 7th April 2007**

HACK WINS FIVE CAR BATTLE

Andrew Hack emerged victorious after a thrilling race which saw five drivers involved in a slipstreaming classic with numerous place changes.

Bill Sollis secured pole with a 1.08.681 lap, to head the eighteen car entry. Two drivers non started the race, Jonathan Lewis qualified seventh, but felt unhappy about the car's performance and opted to withdraw, whilst Gordon Pocock was sidelined by a dropped value.

Bill Sollis led off the line into Copse from Kelly Rogers and Phil Rudge. Bill's hold on the lead lasted until Brooklands on the opening lap, where Kelly and Endaf Owens edged past under braking. The chasing pack got into a tangle at Brooklands a lap later, when Mark Sims got knocked into the side of Bill Sollis's car before spinning off into the gravel to end his race.

Andrew Hack joined Rogers and Owens in dicing for the lead with his outside line through Brooklands on the fourth lap gaining him the inside line at Luffield to give him the lead. Kelly Rogers snatched the lead back at Becketts on the seventh lap, before the lead trio raced three abreast towards the braking point of Brooklands, with Endaf leaving his braking until the last possible moment to grab the lead on the outside line.

Tony Le May and the recovering Bill Sollis tagged on to the leaders to make a stunning spectacle. Kelly Rogers went back in front at Becketts on the ninth lap, only for Endaf Owens to repeat his demon outbraking manoeuvre at Brooklands moments later.

Andrew Hack got back in front as he and Kelly raced side by side down the National Straight for the tenth time, with Kelly finding himself demoted to fourth under braking at Brooklands by Tony Le May and Endaf Owens.

Andrew Hack withstood the challenge from both Endaf and Kelly on the final two laps to clinch victory in a blanket finish which saw the leading five cars covered by just 1.021 seconds. Rogers holding second from Owens, Sollis and Le May.

Roy Sisley

Result – Dunlop Mini Se7en Challenge Rd 1 - Silverstone – 7th April 2007

1	23	Andrew HACK	14:08.675s	12 Laps
2	3	Kelly ROGERS	+0.111	
3	20	Endaf OWENS	+0.579	
4	1	Bill SOLLIS	+0.696	
5	69	Tony LE-MAY	+1.021	
6	75	Paul BROWN	+4.699	
7	39	Paul WOODBRIDGE	+11.642	
8	22	Sarah MUNNS	+15.384	
9	17	Steve WHITELEY	+16.683	
10	10	Phil LEE	+27.528	
11	34	Keith ALLINGTON	+28.181	
12	13	Phil HARVEY	+54.101	
NC	35	Ian FEATHERSTONE	+ 9 Laps	
NC	30	Phil RUDGE	+10 Laps	
NC	6	Mark SIMS	+11 Laps	
NC	55	Michael GREEN	+ 11 Laps	

Fastest Lap Tony LE MAY 1m08.137s 86.6mph

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Dunlop Mini Se7en Challenge Round 1 – Silverstone – 7th April 2007

HUNTER CLAIMS FIRST SCALP OF 2007 SEASON

For the third year running, Max Hunter won the opening round of the Se7en challenge to get his title hopes off to a flying start, despite the determined pressure applied throughout by regaining champion Andrew Deviny.

Kane Astin headed the twenty eight car entry to claim pole with a 1.14.528 lap, only for his car to let him down at the start of the race, causing him to crawl into retirement at Copse on the opening lap.

Andrew Deviny took full advantage to lead from Max Hunter, James Coulson, Dave Banwell, James Winniffrith and Mark Smith on the opening lap. Andrew and Max soon broke clear, leaving the chasing quartet to dice over third. Max made it to the front at Copse on the fifth lap, whilst Dave Banwell now held third from Winniffrith, Coulson, Smith and Dick Hunter, who tagged himself on to the dicing pack.

James Winniffrith made it up to third a lap later. Andrew Deviny was keeping Max Hunter busy in his quest to regain the lead, drawing alongside as they raced towards Brooklands on the eighth lap, with Max holding the inside line to retain the lead.

Winniffrith still held third, from Banwell, Dick Hunter, Coulson and Smith. Dave Banwell reclaimed third on the ninth lap, before James fought back to capture the position back at Brooklands a lap later. Andrew Deviny edged ahead as he raced into Brooklands on the outside line for the final time, only to run wide, putting a wheel into the gravel, which allowed Max to claim the inside line into Luffield, giving a clear run to the chequered flag by a winning margin of 1.140 seconds.

James Winniffrith survived the last lap outbraking scramble into Brooklands to retain third ahead of Banwell, Coulson, Smith and Dick Hunter.

Roy Sisley

Result – Dunlop Mini Se7en Challenge Rd 1 - Silverstone – 7th April 2007

1	46	Max HUNTER	15m22.646s	12 laps
2	1	Andrew DEVINY	+1.140	
3	16	James WINNIFRITH	+4.486	
4	14	Dave BANWELL	+4.631	
5	24	James COULSON	+6.280	
6	98	Mark SMITH	+6.601	
7	7	Dick HUNTER	+6.805	
8	50	Ian DEVINY	+14.309	
9	6	Paul CLARK	+16.686	
10	20	Darren THOMAS	+27.392	
11	23	Ricky HORNE	+27.410	
12	77	Tristen KNIGHT	+28.953	
13	38	Steve HOPPER	+32.078	
14	34	Anthony TOWEY	+32.252	
15	37	Gareth HUNT	+51.730	
16	15	Steven BAKER	+55.440	
17	76	Tom KNIGHT	+1m02.651	
18	99	Tim JOSLYN	+1m02.730	
19	39	Andy MILLER	+1m02.768	
20	32	Barry STAITE	+1lap	
NC	60	Malcolm KEAT	+5 laps	
NC	82	Andy RUTHVEN	+7 laps	
NC	35	Paul SPARK	+7 laps	
NC	29	Jabez DYER	+7 laps	
NC	22	Graeme DAVIS	+11 laps	
NC	10	Damon ASTIN	+11 laps	
NC	26	Lee JONES	+11 laps	
NC	9	Kane ASTIN	+12 laps	
		Fastest Lap	James WINNIFRITH	1m14.992 78.7mph

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Chairman's Chat.....

Well the start of our 10 round Championship has arrived and even after 'some' problems relating to tickets, regulations and the like, the Club had a very healthy entry for the two races at Silverstone. In fact we represented 48% of the total race entries as shown in the program! A great start to the season and it is even more encouraging when you think that several names were not present due to holiday commitments.

Returning to the 'problems' of race entries, it was interesting talking to our Club drivers prior to qualifying, whilst distributing sponsorship decals to those who had not attended the AGM..... **No one** I spoke to had a problem it seemed! Even so, 4 drivers from each class were not in the list of drivers in the program. We apologise for that and rest assured, the problems of posting will not occur again {it is hoped}! So still send your entries to Sharon who will keep a record of those who are eligible for the 'entry on time' point.

On the subject of sponsorship decals, I noticed that several competitors were still 'running' with the MiniWorld decals. I asked those, who I noticed, to remove these as this was a case of direct conflict with our current sponsor Mini Magazine. So please remove the decals as this will affect our relationship with Mini Magazine. I have asked our new Eligibility Scrutineer, Steve Prior, to look out for this at Snetterton. This also includes the use of 'non-issued' sponsorship decals; we can only accept the cars to carry the sponsorship decals that the Club has been given by the Sponsors! One topic that was raised at the AGM was that of the positioning of sponsors decals. Some Members indicated that this was reducing the chances of obtaining personal sponsorship. It appears that the wording in the regulations that prohibits sponsors decals being positioned on the door originates from the Roversport days. So I will suggest at our first Committee meeting at the end of April, that this wording is removed. This will allow the remainder of the door, an area measuring about 0.4 metre x 0.5 metre, to be used for the sponsors decals, if required. The remainder of the car will now be available for 'personal' sponsorship arrangements.

Before I forget, I must thank Steve Prior for all of his work at Silverstone, mounting cameras in two of each of the class cars, weighing cars etc. I had a word with Steve at the end of the meeting and he thoroughly enjoyed his first race meeting with the Club. Thanks to you all for making his 'debut' a pleasant one. Steve is always available to help with any problems that you might have relating to the regulations. Whilst on the subject of scrutineering and topics relating to this, Steve was asked if a copy of one of the on-board camera tapes could be made. His answer was correct when he said that these tapes are purely for analysing any driving problems that might occur during a race. It will hopefully assist the Committee in making a decision on driver discipline, if any written complaint about a driver or drivers is received. We hope that we will not need to use them during this coming season!

As for the two races, yet again exciting all the way through the field. We never seem to disappoint the public. Congratulations to both Max Hunter and Andy Hack for their victories. My special congratulation goes to James Winniffrith for an excellent drive in the Mini 7 race, not only in coming third but also for obtaining the fastest lap. A man to watch for the 2007 Championship. As for Andy Hack, he turned up to the meeting in some American 'Tango Special' with go faster racing numbers on the side..... he claimed that he bought it on e-bay! Nice one Andy, from your old mate Jack!

Well that leaves a few items to be discussed at our first Committee meeting and then off to chilly old Norfolk for our next round. Let's hope for an equally exciting meeting,

Nick Cooke

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Caption Competition

Who can come up with the best caption for this picture from the Spa Euro Race meeting?
Post your captions on the Mini 7 forum and keep them clean!
(Picture by Paul Vickers / Racing Line Photography)



See more of Paul's images from the Spa weekend on the Mini 7 website.

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Mini Miglia Championship Table

After Round 1

1=	Andrew HACK	20
1=	Kelly ROGERS	20
3	Endaf OWENS	19
4	Bill SOLLIS	18
5	Tony LEMAY	17
6	Paul BROWN	16
7=	Sarah MUNNS	14
7=	Paul WOODBRIDGE	14
9	Steve WHITELEY	13
10=	Phil LEE	11

Mini Se7en Championship Table

After Round 1

1	Max HUNTER	21
2	Andrew DEVINY	20
3	James WINNIFRITH	19
4	Dave BANWELL	18
5	James BOWERS COULSON	17
6=	Mark SMITH	15
6=	Dick HUNTER	15
8=	Ian DEVINY	13
8=	Paul CLARK	13
10	Darren THOMAS	12

DOWNLOAD RACE ENTRY FORMS

You can now download the full set of race entry forms from the website in two parts.

Please note the larger second set is about 20mb and you need a good broadband connection to download these, I think I scanned a couple of pages twice, guess it should take about 4 minutes to download. All files are in PDF format so you need Adobe Reader.

Click the link below to visit the downloads page.

<http://www.mini7.co.uk/downloads/index2.asp>

TO ALL RACE MEMBERS PRE RACE TESTING

The Mini Seven Racing Club have arranged with the BARC some pre race testing at the Dunlop Great & British Rounds.

28th/29th April – Snetterton
26th – 28th May – Oulton Park
21st/22nd July – Thruxton
4th/5th August – Donington Park
22nd/23rd September – Pembrey

The cost per meeting will be £50.00 per car.



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2007 Racing Calendar

Round	Date	Circuit	Information
1	7th April	Silverstone National	
2	28/29th April	Snetterton	Dunlop Great & British
3	26 & 28 May	Oulton Park	Dunlop Great & British
4 & 5	23 June	Castle Combe	
6	21-22 July	Thruxton	Dunlop Great & British
7	4/5 August	Donington Park	Dunlop Great & British
8	25/26 August	Brands Hatch	