



Newsletter



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IT'S SHOW TIME

2007 London to Brighton Mini Run – 20th May

Organised once again by the London and Surrey Mini Owners Club the 2007 London to Brighton Mini Run will start from Crystal Palace Park in London at 8:30am and the participants will drive down to Madeira Drive in Brighton. If you want to take part in the run and you haven't already signed up, forget it! The event is already sold out.

However the M7RC is getting involved by having a stand at Madeira Drive, with four cars and possibly a race transporter. This will give the Club a great opportunity to attract new Supporters Club members through the Adopt a Driver scheme.

The Club is also donating a free membership and some Corgi models to the charity auction.

If you would like to help out on the club stand please contact Mike Jackson on 0121 7075881 or email thejackson7@hotmail.com



Online Memberships top 150

The new online registration has resulted in 150 members using the service, with over half of these being supporters. These including a number of international subscribers from the United States, Canada, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Belgium, France and Portugal.

The M7RC is attracting several new online supporters per week as a direct result of the new system. It is expected that this will increase as the season progresses and as new marketing initiatives are introduced. Since the system went live in March the club has collected in excess of £3500 via the new online debit/credit card system.

One of the biggest advantages is the speed that the online membership system offers. As soon as a member joins online, and pays the appropriate subscription, they are automatically added to the database and granted instant access to the members only part of the website and forum. The new database also allows the Club to direct email on a real time basis to race and/or supporters club members.

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NEXT RACE MEETING

Round 3 - Oulton Park 26th & 28th May

After a four week break the teams and drivers head north to Cheshire for the Dunlop Great and British meeting on Bank Holiday weekend. Because of local noise restrictions qualifying will take place on Saturday 26th and racing the races will be held on Monday 28th.

SOCIAL EVENT

Anyone for a bit of Karting?

Date: Sunday 27th May 2007

Place: Chester (20 mins from Oulton)

Kane Astin is trying to organise a karting event in Chester on the Sunday of the Oulton Park meeting.

If you are staying up in Cheshire for the whole weekend and are looking for something to do on the Sunday between qualifying and race days contact Kane via the members discussion forum on the Mini7 website. The discussion thread is in the 2007 Championship forum.

If you are interested please contact Kane asap as he wished to get things booked up.

Race Entry for Oulton Park

CLOSING DATE – Tuesday 8th MAY

To be eligible for the 1 championship point for entering on time please send your race entries to Sharon Smith by the closing date.

Sharon Smith
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Visit <http://www.mini7.co.uk/eot.asp> for further information

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Pre Race Testing

The Mini 7 Racing Club have arranged with the BARC some pre race testing at the Dunlop Great & British Rounds. The Club have underwritten this venture and would like the members support.

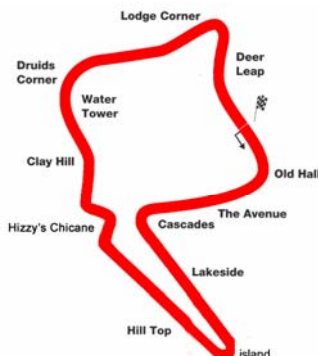
Cost - £50.00 per car.

Download the form from the championship website at:-

http://www.mini7.co.uk/downloads/testing_booking_form.pdf.

Oulton Park – Island Circuit

2.260 miles (3.616 km)



Provisional Timetable

www.barc.net

Saturday 26th May

10:45 - Se7en / Miglia – Practice (15mins)
14:20 – Se7en – Qualifying (15mins)
15:15 – Miglia – Qualifying (15mins)

Race 1 – Radical Enduro – 45 mins (15:45)
Race 2 – Sports Saloons – 20 min

Monday 28th May

8:30 BRITCAR – Qualifying (30mins)

Racing starts at 9:15
Race 3 – Westfield Sportscar – 20 mins
Race 4 – Mini Challenge – 15 mins
Race 5 – Radical BiDuro – 20 mins

Race 6 (10:45) – Mini Se7ens – 20 mins

Race 7 – Radical Enduro – 45 mins
Race 8 – Westfield Sportscar – 20 mins
Race 9 – Sport Maxx – 20 mins
LUNCH – 13:05 to 13:55
Race 10 – Mini Challenge – 30 mins
Race 11- Radical BiDuro – 20 mins

Race 12 (15:20) – Mini Miglias – 20 mins

Race 13 – Sport Maxx – 20mins
Race 14 – Britcar – 100mins

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

NO ACTIVITY ON SUNDAY 27th MAY



**Dunlop Mini Miglia Challenge
Round 2 – Snetterton – 29th April 2007**

ROGERS SCORES TOP MARKS IN NORFOLK

Kelly Rogers converted his pole position into his first win of 2007 after a hard fought race to head the points table at this early stage of the season.

His pole lap of 1.21.817 saw Rogers head the 17-car entry with Colin Peacock joining him on the front row. Peacock used the outside line into Riches to his advantage to lead the field on the opening lap from Rogers, Tony Le May, Bill Sollis and Andrew Hack. Sollis climbed to 3rd with his inside line through Sear on the second lap as the dicing began in earnest.

Rogers took over in the lead at Riches on lap 3, only to be pushed to 4th as Hack, Sollis and Peacock all used the slipstreaming options on the Revett Straight to their benefit. Jonathan Lewis and Endaf Owens tagged edged ahead at The Esses, with Hack, Peacock, Rogers and Lewis in close pursuit. The dicing continued throughout the field with Mark Sims and Phil Rudge were swapping places on every lap as they contested 8th. The five car scrap for 10th was narrowly headed by Sarah Munns from Paul Woodbridge, Philip Dale, Paul Simmonds and Keith Allington.

Hack briefly regained the lead a lap later, before Rogers took over at the head of the field on the 10th lap leaving Sollis, Hack, Peacock and Lewis to fight over second with Tony Le May fending off Endaf Owens for 6th. Sims and Rudge continued to dice over 8th, with a five car scrap for 10th becoming a trio after Dale lost touch after diving inside Paul Woodbridge at Russell on lap 12 and Allington fall back out of striking range.

Kelly Rogers controlled the race to win from Bill Sollis, who withstood the determined last lap challenge of Andrew Hack to clinch 2nd. Peacock, Lewis and Owens rounding out the leading half dozen. Tony Le May lost his gears, forcing him to pull off at the start of the final lap. Mark Sims just pipped Phil Rudge for 7th, with Sarah Munns making a bold overtaking manoeuvre to repass Paul Woodbridge and Paul Simmonds at the Esses on the final lap to claim a hard earned 9th.

Roy Sisley

**2007 Dunlop Mini Miglia Challenge
ROUND 2 - Provisional Result**

1	3	Kelly ROGERS	20:47.198	15 laps
2	1	Bill SOLLIS	+3.458s	
3	23	Andrew HACK	+3.565	
4	6	Colin PEACOCK	+3.810s	
5	12	Jonathan LEWIS	+4.733s	
6	20	Endaf OWENS	+5.623s	
7	5	Mark SIMS	+22.770s	
8	30	Phil RUDGE	+23.906s	
9	22	Sarah MUNNS	+33.491s	
10	42	Paul SIMMONDS	+33.679s	
11	39	Paul WOODBRIDGE	+34.122s	
12	34	Keith ALLINGTON	+38.305s	
13	18	Philip DALE	+40.423s	
14	13	Phil HARVEY	+1 lap	
15	16	Andrew WORSLEY	+1 lap	
DNF	69	Tony LE-MAY	+1 lap	
DNF	10	Phil LEE	+8 laps	
F Lap	20	Endaf OWENS	1m21.607s	86.10mph Lap 9

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**Dunlop Mini Se7en Challenge
Round 2 – Snetterton – 29th April 2007**

TWO OUT OF TWO SECURES HUNTER MAX POINTS

Max Hunter continued his excellent start to the season with another fine drive. Starting from the second row Hunter took the lead on the opening lap, and pulled away from the rest of the field to win by over 15-seconds at the chequered flag.

Reigning Mini Se7en Champion Andrew Deviny secured pole with a time of 1m29.769, with Paul Clark sharing the front row of the 30-car grid. Deviny led off the line into Riches, ahead of Clark, Hunter and Dave Banwell. Hunter quickly rose to 2nd passing Clark at Sear, before snatching the lead at The Esses as Deviny was delayed, causing him to drop to the tail of the field during a dramatic opening lap.

As Hunter made full use of the clear track to edge away, a 10-car train was beginning to dice over 2nd, headed by Paul Thompson, with Paul Clark, Kane Astin, Dave Banwell, Nathan and Niven Burge, Dick Hunter, James Winniffrith, Andrew Ruthven and Ian Deviny. Astin rose to head the pack on the 5th lap, only to find himself demoted back to 6th just four laps later, as the slipstreaming group swapped places at virtually every corner.

Andrew Deviny was soon climbing back up the order after his opening lap problems, setting the fastest lap of the race on lap 10, by which time, he had risen to 12th. Deviny had Jabez Dyer and Graeme Davis as his next targets and he duly passed them by the end of the following lap.

Hunter continued to draw away, as Niven Burge climbed the 2nd ahead of Thompson on lap 12. Kane Astin was forced to retire after he turned into the Esses, only to find the sideways pairing of Dave Banwell and Andrew Ruthven directly in his path. With no where to go other than into the tyre wall, Astin's Se7en suffered extensive front end damage.

Thompson regained 2nd on the penultimate lap from Niven Burge, with Ruthven keeping Clark at bay to record his best ever finish. Andrew Deviny kept charging up the order to finish a creditable 6th after a memorable drive but the day belonged to Max Hunter, who now has two wins from the opening two races of the 2007 season.

Roy Sisley

**2007 Dunlop Mini Se7en Challenge
ROUND 2 - Provisional Result**

1	46	Max HUNTER	21:15.482	14laps
2	4	Paul THOMPSON	+15.471s	
3	53	Niven BURGE	+16.150s	
4	82	Andrew RUTHVEN	+17.738s	
5	6	Paul CLARK	+18.518s	
6	1	Andrew DEVINY	+27.117s	
7	22	Graeme DAVIS	+30.996s	
8	29	Jabez DYER	+31.243s	
9	37	Gareth HUNT	+31.948s	
10	77	Tristen KNIGHT	+47.888s	
11	35	Paul SPARK	+55.147s	
12	20	Darren THOMAS	+56.071s	
13	26	Lee JONES	+57.540s	
14	15	Steven BAKER	+57.833s	
15	39	Andy MILLAR	+62.035s	
16	60	Malcolm KEAT	+75.844s	
17	17	Tom KNIGHT	+82.047s	
18	47	Kelvin EDGAR	+1 lap	
DNF	14	Dave BANWELL	+2 laps	
DNF	9	Kane ASTIN	+2 laps	
DNF	50	Ian DEVINY	+3 laps	
DNF	52	Nathan BURGE	+4 laps	
DNF	99	Tim JOSYLN	+4 laps	
DNF	16	James WINNIFRITH	+5 laps	
DNF	24	James COULSON	+6 laps	
DNF	7	Dick HUNTER	+7 laps	
DNF	34	Anthony TOWEY	+7 laps	
DNF	23	Ricky HORNE	+8 laps	
DNF	98	Mark SMITH	+9 laps	
DNF	10	Damon ASTIN	+10 laps	
F Lap	1	Andrew DEVINY	1m29.288	78.69mph Lap 10



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Chairman's Chat.....

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the 2nd Round of our Championship at Snetterton and according to all of those whom I have contacted, I missed a couple of great races. Yet again, the Club put on a 'splendid show' at our first attendance at a Dunlop Great and British Festival. The whole meeting seemed to go very well, with a good turnout from the paying public. Let's hope this continues. As for our two races, on both counts they seemed to be exciting all through the field. Well done to both Max Hunter for his second win in the Se7ens and to Kelly Rogers in the Miglias. Kelly I gather made a great come back after an incident during the race that dropped him back to 6th {or thereabouts}. Just a couple of comments about the races..... maybe a smaller grid of Miglias than would be ideal and rather too many retirements in the Se7ens. Was this due to engine/car problems or racing incidents? Oh, just one other thing in the Se7en qualification, I noticed that Nathan Burge qualified 10th, just behind Dad Niven, out of 30 entrants in an S class car! Hopefully this will encourage more people 'from outside' to join us in the S class.

Sponsorship decals still seem to be cropping up in post race conversations..... several competitors are running with 'non standard' decals. When I say non-standard decals, I mean decals that have not been issued to the Club by the Sponsor concerned. TR 5.17 is quite specific on what should be displayed and where {the definition of the side of the car is even described in TR 5.17.4.8}. At Snetterton Steve Prior has approached those drivers concerned reminding them of what the regulations require. At Oulton Park, those who do not comply with the regulations will not be eligible for Championship points. This may sound harsh, but 'fellow Competitors' have contacted me requesting this justifiable action to be taken.

Changing the subject, in the past, several Club Members, myself included, have contributed to the Newsletter with an article on 'whatever'. It would make a pleasant change to read what Club Members get up to when not Mini Racing. Their other interests, their unusual jobs etc. etc. For example, another interest of mine is Classic Motorcycles, namely Greeves. Now most of you will probably be saying..... "never heard of them". Well Greeves motorcycles were made in Thundersley, Essex in the late fifties and were the World leaders in Scramble and Trials bikes. {Scrambling is now called Moto-Cross}. To succeed in either of these forms of Motor Cycling, you had to have a Greeves. Anyway, I'm sure you get the 'gist' of what we want. It would not only be a change, but hopefully interesting. So put 'finger to keyboard' and give it a go! About 800 words is typical.

On other topics, the online Membership joining facility seems to be working well. Membership packs will be sent out as soon as possible. Relating to the Supporters' Club, I have posted on the forum the method of obtaining the very generous subscription for Mini Magazine. The adopt a driver scheme is also in hand. Jeff Carter will be keeping you informed on this subject.

Finally we have had a great supporter of the Club at Corgi Classics for several years, namely Robert Hinchcliffe. Rob has 'moved on', but I have made contact with Corgi and they are still keen to continue with their support of the Club. In 2008 they intend to produce four models for the Club. This will be the two Champions in 2007 {if they haven't been modelled before} and two other cars. This will bring in another £4,800, on top of the £6,000 that we will receive this year! So yet again, a BIG THANK YOU to Corgi Classics and to Rob for all of his support in the past.

Now a break before Round 3 at Oulton Park at the end of May. Let's hope for another well organised Dunlop Great and British Festival. I'm sure we will 'do our bit' as usual.

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Adopt a Driver Scheme Update

The M7RSC Adopt a Driver scheme has now moved onto the next stage. All members of the Mini 7 Racing Supporters Club can now nominate the driver they would like to support in 2007 by filling in the new form, a copy of which can be found on page 10 of this newsletter.

Once the M7RSC member has completed the form, nominating their 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices, they need to post or fax it back to Jeff Carter at Motion Works. He will email the member the name of their adopted driver, using the names indicated on the form in the order they were given. Drivers will be allocated a maximum 10 supporters on a strictly first come – first served basis.

He will then print a name label, in the style below, and send this to the chosen driver to be placed on their race car.



Actual size of the name label

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Mini Miglia Championship Table After Round 2 (Provisional)

1	Kelly ROGERS	41
2	Andrew HACK	39
3	Bill SOLLIS	38
4	Endaf OWENS	34
5	Sarah MUNNS	27
6	Paul WOODBRIDGE	25
7	Keith ALLINGTON	21
8=	Tony LE MAY	18
8=	Phil HARVEY (S)	18
8=	Colin PEACOCK	18
11=	Mark SIMS	17
11=	Jonathan LEWIS	17
13=	Paul BROWN	16
13=	Phil RUDGE	16
15=	Steve WHITELEY	13
15=	Phil LEE	13
17	Paul SIMMONDS	11
18	Philip DALE	8

Mini Se7en Championship Table After Round 2 (Provisional)

1	Max HUNTER	42
2	Andrew DEVINY	36
3	Paul CLARK	30
4	Darren THOMAS	22
5=	James WINNIFRITH	21
5=	Tristen KNIGHT (S)	21
7=	Dave BANWELL	20
7=	Gareth HUNT	20
7=	Andy RUTHVEN	20
10=	Paul THOMPSON	19
10=	Niven BURGE	19
12	James COULSON	18
13=	Mark SMITH	17
13=	Dick HUNTER	17
13=	Graeme DAVIS	17
16	Ian DEVINY	15
17=	Steven BAKER	14
17=	Jabez DYER	14



PIPER CAMS



Caption Competition

Who can come up with the best caption for this picture?
Post your captions on the Mini 7 forum and remember to keep them clean!



(Picture by Paul Vickers / Racing Line Photography)

See more of Paul's images from the 2007 Season on the Mini 7 website.

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April Caption Competition



Graeme Davis: 'Mark decides to display the name of his favourite chocolate bar on the front of his car

Andy Ruthven: 'Two ex Hari Krishna followers decide to worship a British Icon and Graffiti a mini with his name! "Vickers, Vickers, Vickers"'

Remember to Keep Us Informed

If you change any of your contact details, especially your email address, please inform Mike Jackson on the Jackson7@hotmail.com and Steve Whiteley on sw@stevewhiteley.co.uk so the club records can be updated.

Because it is the intention that the Mini 7 Racing Club will continue to develop its electronic presence and email will become its preferred method of communication.

To ensure that you receive the emails and newsletters it is requested that members make sure that any spam filter accepts mail from club.

Also don't forget to visit the members forum on a regular basis to keep up to speed on other useful information, gossip and insider tips direct from the committee, teams and drivers.



Mini Magazine Subscription Offer

As part of the three year Mini Magazine sponsorship arrangement with the M7RC, Members can purchase Mini Magazine at a discount price. This is only available to Race and Supporters Club Members.

Mini Magazine will give a 30% discount for Race and Supporters Club members of the M7RC. This works out at £8.98 on direct debit per quarter or £35.92 by credit card per annum.

To sign up online use the following URL.

www.myfavouritemagazines.co.uk/mim/2010

It is active now, so start subscribing as soon as you wish.

Mini Magazine will be printing all race reports throughout the year..... so, take up this very generous offer.



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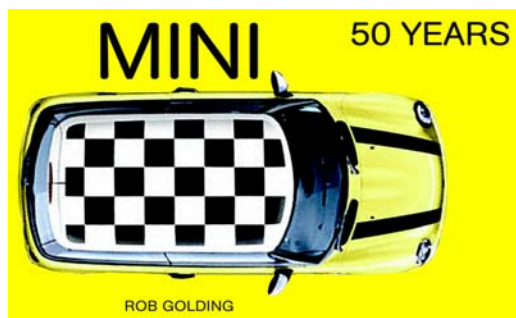
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Discount on Mini 50 Book for all Club Members



MINI 50 YEARS
by
Rob Golding

£16.99

The diminutive MINI has made it big! A small car, but probably the most recognisable one anywhere in the world. This book tells the full story of the iconic car from it's initial launch in the 50's up to the revised BMW version of today. From swinging sixties, racing cars success, from "The Italian Job" to 21st Century hip transport.....all the threads that tie the original MINI and today's updated version are in here, numerous, detailed, and fascinating.

The book itself is a metal jacket cover, with a magnetic flap that lifts to reveal the details of the engine underneath!

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Discount to club members. Contact Mat Archer at matarcher@pguk.co.uk for details



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Images from Snetterton by Racing Line Photography



More images in the gallery at www.mini7.co.uk

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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	
9 & 10	22/23 Sept	Pembrey	Dunlop Great & British

This is your newsletter – Have your say today!

Have you got a story, something to sell or are you organising an event that would be of interest to the other members of the Mini 7 Racing Club?

If you have contact Jeff Carter with the details.

www.mini7.co.uk



2007 ADOPT A DRIVER SCHEME

Members Name

*This is the name that will appear on the side of your adopted driver's car.
If you require an alternative name please put it in the box below*

Alternative Name

Membership No.

Address

Postcode

Email (required)

Telephone No.

Date

INTRODUCTION

Please choose your favourite driver and put their name and race number in the spaces provided below.

Because there are only 10 names per car please put down a second and third choice in case you first choice is already full.

Names will be allocated strictly on a first come - first served basis.

	Driver Name	Race No.
First Choice	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Second Choice	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Third Choice	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Once you have been allocated a driver your name, as written in the box above, will be put onto a 6cm x 1cm sticker, which will be displayed on the car of your chosen driver.

You will be informed by email of the name of your adopted driver.

Return your completed form to:

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