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**MEANING OF LIFE** 

trate on, August has been such a that reminds us racing is an unfor-

thought what to write about in had two wheel failures at Zan-

this column. With an unusually dvoort it raised the issue of 'lifing'

Holland back in early July, and the type for Mini Se7en/S-Class, a

at the end of this month, it has within the M7RC over a quarter of

been all too easy to leave racing a century ago, itself as a replacematters to one side, comfortable ment for well used and 'lifed'

"plenty of time" to deal with any suffer from years of race wear and pressing matters... Oh, such mis- general structural fatigue. Alt-

placed confidence! No doubt you hough no longer manufactured,

will all have had a 'jobs to do' list, the 100+ alloy wheel is still eligi-

and no doubt most, if not all, of ble under the current regs, but

you will have found the clock with two alternative versions of a ticking down quicker than you virtually identical design available

expected in the run up to Brands? as new, off-the-shelf, then is it

Engines to strip/rebuild, parts to about time we

replace, bodywork to straighten, think seriously tyre marks to polish out, even about 'lifing' of

fresh new decals to be applied for the 100+ alloy the fastidious detailers. What wheel for racing

about wheels though? How often sooner rather

regularly

do you give these obvious, but than later?

overlooked.

hectic month that I haven't really giving testing ground, so when we

long interval (seven weeks!) of component parts. Both wheels 6 between the fabulous trip away in in question were the 100+ alloy-

be honest, what with 'bolted-on-bolted-off' parts the work, house, car and family thorough 'once over'? Thankfully, commitments to concen- it is rare for an incident to occur 3

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Libre Lap Record Peter Crewes Time: 0:55.429 Ave speed: 78.45 mph Set: 8 July 2017 1.2-mile Indy circuit

## **MINI MIGLIA**

Time: 0:54,462 Ave speed: 79.84 mph

Set: 8 July 2017

1.2-mile Indy circuit

the more powerful Miglias will have you lying down in a dark- the charts by a relatively healthy ened room, such is their effect on margin. Colin Peacock lies second the senses. A full grid thundering in the standings having scored a into Paddock Bend is like nothing maximum last time out in Holelse, with more ground-shaking land, however both he and Drew grunt than a buffalo stampede will be fully aware that local rac-

and seemingly Spiderman-levels er, and Brands specialist, Aaron of grip on those chunky Dunlop Smith could easily close the gap slicks! For seasoned campaigner f the sprightly Se7ens leave Dave Drew, reliability allied to your jaw on the ground, then consistent top finishes, including a win at Thruxton, sees him top



by adding to his three victories so far. likewise former champions Rupert Deeth (one win) and Kane Astin. Historic F1 racer Nick Padmore is sure to go well here, similarly Lee Deegan who won both Snetterton races earlier in the season on his only appearance so far. Reigning Se7en champion Charlie Budd has moved up in class and would have won in Holland but for a yellow flag decision, while teenager Alfie Brown continues to knock on the door for a second category win •

### **PREVIOUS WINNERS:**

2017	A Smith x2
2016	<b>B Sollis / R Howard /</b>
	S Deegan x2
2015	K Astin x2
2014	K Astin / A Smith
2013	A Smith x4
2012	P Thompson / P Baldwin
2011	K Astin / E Owens
2010	D Drew / A Smith
2009	A Hack
2008	A Hack

### Mini Libre

Reference of the semi-invitational' class have proved that creating a 'mini' series on the back of the Miglia grid was a master stroke. With a dozen already registered for 2018, there has been plenty of race would appear wide open too, with seven different winners so far. Club stalwart Phil Harvey points advantage, aided by a first and second last time out at Zandvoort, Ian Fraser doing likewise to boost his tally in second overall. Double-Pembrey winner Peter Hills lies third despite missing the last five races after a write-off at Snetterton back in May, and will be hoping his new car is bang on squares and 3-figure numbers •















### Mini-7 S-Class

he 'scholarship' budgettuning 1275cc class, first seen a rapid growth in numbers in recent seasons, and several new faces have joined in during 2018. One of these is Thorburn Astin, son of former Se7en racer Damon (and nephew of Kane), and he currently leads by 3 points having scored a debut victory in Holland last month. He also leads the Under-17 category from fedrinking champagne for them on has been the pacesetter with four wins but has also had several DNFs, allowing Scott Kendall (2 wins) and James Bull (1 win) to edge closer on points, while Andy shoe Rick Shortle, and Mini denoted by #700 race numbers and green windscreen header/

## **MINI SE7EN**

ow well into its 53rd season, the evergreen Mini Se7en formula continues to defy the ageing process, with pedal-to the-metal, door handlethat competition remains as tight as ever, with 2007 champion Max Hunter top of the standings by dint of scoring one more second place finish than Tom Sanderson, both equal on points and having scored a win apiece. Novice

#### **PREVIOUS WINNERS:**

2017 A Davies x2 2016 A Davies x4 2015 D Thomas x2 2014 A Davies/D Thomas 2013 A Deviny/M Hunter x3 2012 M Hunter x2 2011 M Hunter x2 M Hunter x2 2010 2009 K Astin 2008 P Thompson

from eight races so far proves Deviny (three times), but acci- the races themselves! •

standout in 2017 Joe Thompson dents and mechanical issues have scored a superb debut victory at pegged them back to sixth and Zandvoort in Holland last month seventh overall so far. Daniel and lies fifth behind the consist- Budd is another potential winner, ently high-scoring Spencer Wan- having survived a frightening stall and Dom Burger, both surely barrel roll at Thruxton in June. As due a win before long. The bulk ever, there are plenty of others of victories however have fallen waiting in the wings to upset the to-door handle, flat-out sprints to the experienced duo of Darren form book, and so qualifying for from lights to flag. Five winners Thomas (twice) and Andrew grid position will be as frantic as



# VISION RACIN

#### MINI FESTIVAL SOUTH

There will be plenty to see and do at the 2018 Brands Hatch Mini Festival. On the track there will be a packed programme exclusively made up of Mini racing featuring both classic and modern iterations. Off track there will be plenty of entertainment surrounded by every kind of Mini imaginable with club displays, a trade village, a Sunday track parade, live music and much more! All this huge Mini action makes Brands Hatch the only place to be for every Mini enthusiast!" • 14/14/14/

brandshatch.mini-festival.co.uk

#### NEWS UPDATE NEWS UPDATE **DRIVERS' BRIEFING !**

he M7RC Clerk of the Course, Chris Gibson, has had confirmation from MSV-R to hold the Drivers' Briefing in the briefing room over in the GP Paddock (yes, quite a walk, but has to be). Provisional time set is 12.15 on the Saturday, between the end of Mini Se7en/S-Class qualifying and the first Mini Miglia race. There will be no excuses for drivers being late, other than a lighter wallet! •



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# **Rounds 9 & 10**

# TIMETABLE: Brands Hatch 25-26 August

## Saturday 25 August 2018

<b>START</b> 07.00	<b>FINISH</b> 07.30	<b>DURATION</b> 30 mins	SESSION Signing-on	<b>CLASS</b> Miglia/Libre
07.30	08.00	30 mins	Scrutineering	Miglia/Libre
09.00	09.20	20 mins	Qualifying	Miglia/Libre
09.30	10.00	30 mins	Signing-on	Se7en/S-Class
10.00	10.30	30 mins	Scrutineering	Se7en/S-Class
11.15	11.35	20 mins	Qualifying	Se7en/S-Class
12.15	12.30	15 mins	Drivers' Briefing	All
13.35	13.55	20 mins	Race 3 (Rd 9)	Miglia/Libre
15.40	16.00	20 mins	Race 6 (Rd 9)	Se7en/S-Class
17.55	18.10	15 mins	Qualifying	Fastest Mini/

## Sunday 26 August 2018

<b>START</b> 10.00	<b>FINISH</b> 10.00	<b>DURATION</b> 10 mins	SESSION Free Practice	<b>CLASS</b> All
10.55	11.10	15 mins	Race 11	Fastest Mini/ Allcomers
12.30	12.50	20 mins	Race 14 (Rd 10)	Miglia/Libre
13.35	13.55	20 mins	Race 16 (Rd 10)	Se7en/S-Class
17.35	17.50	15 mins	Race 21	Fastest Mini/



### **CIRCUIT LENGTH:** 1.2079 miles (Indy)

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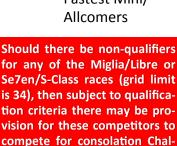
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Brands Hatch is situated on the A20 near West Kingsdown. Just 3 miles from Junction 3 (Swanley) of the M25, it is linked via the A20 to the M20 and M25/26 motorways •

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# **2018 CALENDAR**

## **DUNLOP MINI SE7EN & MINI MIGLIA CHALLENGE**

Rounds 1 & 2	Pembrey	21-22 April (BARC / Trucks)
Rounds 3 & 4	Snetterton 300	12-13 May (MSV / Mini Festival East)
Rounds 5 & 6	Thruxton	<b>2-3 June (BARC / 50th Anniversary)</b>
Rounds 7 & 8	Zandvoort, NL	6-7-8 July (CZL-CPZ / British Race Festival)
Rounds 9 & 10	Brands Hatch	<b>25-26 August (</b> MSV / Mini Festival South <b>)</b>
Rounds 11 & 12	Cadwell Park	8-9 September (вакс / сішь вво)
Rounds 13 & 14	Silverstone Int	6-7 October (BARC / Britcar)

All meetings run as double-headers

### ADDITIONAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Birkett 6-Hours	Silverstone	27 October (750 MC / 6-Hour Relay Race)
Winter / 0-Plate Trophy	Brands Hatch	17-18 November (BARC / 0-Plate Races)
AGM / ATD	Stratford Manor Hotel	24-25 November (tbc)
Awards / Dinner Dance	Stratford Manor Hotel	26 January 2019

Rounds 9 & 10

**Brands Hatch** 



25-26 August







(MSV / Mini Festival South)



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don't expect too much! After a few seasons standing on the other side of the fence, the itch was too great and I thought 'why not have a go'. Thanks to Colin Peacock for introducing me to the club and everyone for the help and support." He gives thanks in particular to Nick and Laurie at CFM for getting the build off the ground, all at MED and Mini Spares for help with parts, and is especially grateful to Paul and Joe Thompson, without whom he'd never have made it out on time •

Photos: S Colbran

ate last year, our Club social good progress over the past media and website man Ste- nine months, finished the phen Colbran decided it was car, passed the ARDS test time to have a go himself and pur- and has booked in for the chased Dan Budd's 2017 Mini Se7en Brands Hatch Mini Festival. shell, as the basis for a new S-Class The video clips have clocked build. If you follow the Facebook up in excess of 40,000 page or read Mini Magazine you will views, detailing various DIY have probably seen that he's made tasks from Stephen's garage



in an effort to encourage fellow spectators and social members to build an S-Class car and join the grid. "It's been a mad year, from selling pretty much everything I once owned to the all-nighters in the garage, but I can't wait for Brands," says Stephen. "I've raced Minis before but a very long time ago, so



after 3k of driving. A friend crashed his 1.3i so I had that engine instead..." The ever-smiling Bonnie Molenaar, from Ede in central Netherlands, took over leading the field round on Sunday, her black '99 Euro -spec Mini 40 Limited Edition fitted with a 1300cc multi-point injection, and with additional Cooper-style bonnet stripes (left). "I've owned it a long time, 14 years..." •

Photos: Mike Jackson



### **NEW ARCHIVE ISSUES ON SALE**

he latest batch of M7RC current range available up to 30 years worth of history in print. Revolution', from 1991 to 1995,





### PACY MINIS IN THE NETHER' REGIONS

from the Dutch Mini

the Zandvoort weekend. Saturday's participant was Sjoerd Bleeker (right) from Leeuwarden in the northern-most part of Holland, who ith such huge support brought along his '78 BRG-coloured car with grey roof, and running a fraternity, including the 1275cc single-point injection. Sjoerd Mini Se7en Club Nederland, it was had owned his Mini for 11 years, hardly surprising that we were which originally came with a 1360cc spoilt for choice of pace cars over lump and Weber carb. "I blew it up















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### LIFE'S A BEACH FOR MITRC !

apping a glorious weekend away on the continent last month was the Club barbecue held on the evening of Saturday 7 July, right on the beach at Strand 21 bar/restaurant, just a short stroll from Zandvoort circuit. Such was the relaxed atmosphere and glorious weather it prompted a few tongue-in-cheek requests for a 14-round Challenge entirely at the Dutch venue for the 2019 season! A huge thank you to Anthea the state of the state Cooke for arranging such a convivial evening •



### CHECK ALL YOUR RACE WHEELS!

ollowing two similar wheel failures at Zandvoort, all drivers/entrants and car preparers are reminded about the 100+/ Rimstock (STR1082) 10x5" alloy wheel for Mini Se7en/S-Class. If you have any of these wheels, you are strongly advised to check them thoroughly for signs of fatigue and, better still, subject them to cracktesting (see 2015 Bulletin #6 on pages 10/11). Bearing in mind this particular alloy wheel was first introduced to the M7RC back in 1990/91, and is no longer available new-offthe-shelf, then the Minilite and Mini Spares alternatives should be strongly considered for use in place of any 100+ items •

### M7RC TO HOST **FINALE PARTY AT** SILVERSTONE

emember the fantastic Club shindig at Silverstone back in 2015? Then be sure to make a date in your diary for Saturday 6 October, as the M7RC again have the use of the F1 garages at the Silverstone championship finale, including the space and permissions required to host a party in the evening. Just one of the ideas is fancy dress, with a 70's theme, including a full beat-tastic disco with appropriate tunes, poppickers! Another notion is to find a fresh new band. Then there is Leon! To feed the energy levels required for all those dance floor



moves, we would also like to go with the roast hog/BBQ idea again. All the above come at different levels of cost, so if you or your sponsor would care to help fund the evening, the Club would of course be very open to such generous contributions. Please submit vour ideas and offers to Colin Peacock and we will look, as they say, to get this party started! •

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### MARSHALLING INVITATION

have just read the editorial comment at the front of the latest magazine (Pit & Paddock, Issue #4) with interest as my father Thanks Dave for your kind offer. Marwas one of the marshals on the 'Dan Budd incident' post - he's the one with the hat and thankfully not the fence', so to speak, and also another injured. If any of your members want to have a taster day as a marshal, please let me know as I would gladly welcome them onto my post - I am an Examining Post Chief and an MSA instructor. Alternatively if

they contact the BARC office saying they'd like to give marshalling a try for a day, I'm sure they'd be more than happy to assist! •

> **Dave Weston** Photo: courtesy D Weston

shalling is an ideal opportunity for drivers to see racing from the 'other side of avenue for gaining an extra signature on their competition licence should they wish to upgrade, especially for those hoping to race abroad in the near future. www.barc.net RW



### **IN BRIEF**

2019 CIRCUIT SURVEY

n the circuit survey from the recent Express News, your feedback on which tracks to visit in 2019 make for interesting reading. Once again, the original Formula Mini-7 venue, Brands Hatch, is the top choice by some margin, with Donington and Silverstone the next favourites, additionally all three having GP-length options. Thruxton rates fourth, just ahead of Snetterton, while Castle Combe, Oulton and Cadwell Parks are the middle ground choices. Distance/fuel costs perhaps partly explain why the more far-flung Croft, Pembrey, Anglesey and Knockhill are lower down the order, while despite its limited use in recent years, Mallory Park is only just outside the top 10. It seems however that a circuit has to have soul, which perhaps suggests why the vast concrete-bowl-on-theback-of-an-industrial-estate that is Rockingham is rooted to the bottom of the list! The survey was limited to UK venues too, but after the continued success of Zandvoort in Holland and requests to return ASAP, will the likes of Spa and Zolder in Belgium, or Croix in France, ever get a look in again? • DINNER DANCE

he Stratford Manor Hotel

has again been booked for the end of season dinner dance/awards evening. The date is Saturday 26 January 2019 and tickets are £48 available from Mark Sims on 07785 114238 or on mss@clearsons.co.uk The full venue address is: Stratford Manor Hotel, Warwick Road, Stratford Upon Avon, CV36 OPY. Double occupancy rooms will be set aside at a special rate of £85 to Club members/guests by calling 0845 074 0060, quoting the 'date' above and 'Mini 7 Racing Club' •

#### AGM/ATD

s there is no real desire to return to the traditional Luton-based hotel for the annual meet, the above Stratford Manor would seem a more than suitable replacement, as it was for the re-scheduled EGM/ATD in January 2018. The weekend of 24/25 November 2018 has been provisionally suggested •











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MINI SEVEN RACING CLUB

BULLETIN #6\_2015

**RE: WHEELS** 

To all M7RC Members and Associates,

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PLEASE NOTE THE CURRENT 2018 REGS UNDER TR.5.12.2.1 NOW ALSO INCLUDES THE MINI SPARES C-21A1901 A (MS) 10x5" ALLOY WHEEL FOR MINI SE7EN & MINI-7 S-CLASS

SEE NEWS ITEM ON PAGE 9

The Technical Sub-Committee of the Mini Seven Racing Club (M7RC) met recently to discuss several topics in relation to the M7RC Regulations, and wishes to clarify the situation with regard to race wheels:

At the recent race meeting at Rockingham, a Mini Se7en wheel was found to have a crack around the area of a wheel stud hole. In light of this incident and other concerns raised about the age and availability of the wheels specified in the current M7RC Regulations, it is understood that the STR1082 (100+/Rimstock) 5J x 10" alloy wheel is no longer in production and that this wheel was originally produced for Mini Se7en from the 1990/91 season onwards, so potentially there may be some of these wheels that are a quarter-of-a century old. It is also understood that the alternative MA1050D (Minilite/Tech Dell) is still in production but may not necessarily be the first choice for competitors... However, the Technical Sub-Committee is currently investigating the potential for a direct replacement for the STR1082 (100+)-type wheel, but in the meantime strongly advises the importance of checking for signs of structural fatigue or damage in all race wheels, including those specified for Mini Se7en (and S-Class), and also those specified for Mini Miglia (and S-Class). Wheel nuts should also be inspected and replaced if showing signs of fatigue or damage.

Further, the following crack-testing info is also suggested for all race wheels:

The area to look for is at the root of the spoke as it joins the hub. Check all around the radius for a crack, if you cannot see a crack then it doesn't mean that the wheel is crack-free. The best way to check is using a flaw-detector kit, this is easy to use and comes in aerosol form in 3 cans.

After cleaning your wheels, spray the suspected area with the dye penetrant and leave for 10 minutes (or as directed in the instructions). Then use the cleaner to remove all of the excess dye. Finally, spray with the developer and wait, the developer draws out the dye from any crack and shows as a fine line contrasting against the white developer.

As an example Ambersil make a kit, available from RS Components – a kit of the 3 aerosols should be easily enough to check a set of wheels.

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For information, the current M7RC Regulations specify, under section TR.5.12 Wheels/Steering:

- TR.5.12.1.5 Wheel Nut toraue must not exceed 38-43lb/ft.
- TR.5.12.1.6 Mini Se7en S-Class and Mini Se7en;
- A single 1" Spacer is permitted on all wheels except where Cooper 'S' Discs or Drums are fitted TR.5.12.2 Construction & Materials:
- TR.5.12.2.1 Mini Se7en S-Class and Mini Se7en only; Only wheels STR1082 (100+) and MA1050D (Minilite) with the correct wheel nuts are permitted. Note: check wheel nut penetrates the wheel a minimum of 10mm. If necessary machine the hexagonal flange.
- TR.5.12.2.2 Mini Miglia S-Class and Mini Miglia only: Steel or Alloy materials are permitted. Alloy Wheels must be secured by sleeve-type nuts only. Note: Refer to the wheel manufacturer for maintenance procedures, particularly for modular / split rims.
- TR5.12.3 Dimensions;
- TR.5.12.3.1 Mini Se7en S-Class and Mini Se7en only; 5J x 10"
- TR.5.12.3.2 Mini Miglia S-Class and Mini Miglia only; 10" Diameter with maximum 7" rims (see TR.5.6.1.17)
- Issued by: Richard Williamson **Championship Coordinator - M7RC**
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Zandvoort

7 July 2018

RACE REPORT: Round 7

Seeing Red...





ollowing two previous visits to the former home of the Dutch Grand Prix, the M7RC made a welcome return after a year's hiatus last season. A magnificent 37-car turnout produced two actionpacked races that kicked off on late should have been ninth but was the main class, whilst Belgian racer Saturday afternoon. In a pulsating Miglia dice, polesitter Rupert Deeth (his Thruxton damage all fully repaired) was ahead of Aaron Smith ahead of Alex Osborne who'd conand Kane Astin overall when red verted his Libre to full Mig spec flags took the result back to 11 laps. since Pembrey, then Kieren McDon-Behind the top trio, Dave Drew ald who felt he hadn't replicated his topped up his championship lead Friday testing pace. Tony le May and hectic penultimate lap when being

with another useful helping of Paul Simmonds fought over what duo saw Jason Porter nose out Alfie pass, so dropped to 14th overall. This elevated Rob Howard up a spot

points, a few lengths ahead of Colin would be 12th, while Mark Sims and Peacock and Charlie Budd. The next Sam Summerhayes (first race of the season) both had mechanical DNFs. Brown, the latter's car having under- In Mini Libre, Ian Fraser and Phil gone a front-end rebuild after its Harvey were split by just 0.040s Thruxton smash. James Cuthbertson after a similarly enthralling duel to docked 30 secs for a yellow flag Pieter Van Cleemputte (low compression) was a lap down.

#### **MINI SE7EN / S-CLASS**

he Mini Se7en battle was just

as manic as the Miglias, with several changes of lead and a lapped by the Miglia leaders but, keeping the calmest of head on young shoulders, Joe Thompson secured his first win by a scant 0.070s from Tom Sanderson, with Max Hunter and Dom Burger in their mirrors. Spencer Wanstall dropped off the lead bunch in fifth, while Darren Thomas recovered to sixth after an opening lap 'kiss' of the barriers left him playing catch up and with a wing hanging off! Leon Window, Lee Roberts and Dan Budd (in brother Charlie's spare 2017 car, which dad Ralph also raced at Brands) came next, with Darren Eaton, Tina Cooper, Julian Proctor and a smoky Steven Hopper completing the runners. Sandwiched in among this group, Thorburn Astin



Race 1	Miglia / Libre	11 Laps <sup>*</sup>
	Rupert Deeth Aaron Smith Kane Astin Dave Drew Colin Peacock Charlie Budd Ian Fraser Phil Harvey Pieter Van Cleem	22:33.821 23:59.115 putte
FL/m	A Smith 2:01.257 - 79.4	15 mph
FL/L	P Harvey 2:07.618 - 75.4	
Pole/m <i>Pole/L</i>	R Deeth I Fraser	9 mpn
Race 1	Se7en / S-Class	10 Laps*
17 8 18 19 19 46 20 28 21 5 22 2	Joe Thompson Tom Sanderson Max Hunter Dom Burger Spencer Wanstall Darren Thomas	22:43.650
29 736 FL/7	Thorburn Astin A Deviny	23:23.303
FL/S	2:12.765 - 72.5 N Croydon-Fowler 2:14.438 - 71.6	r
Pole/7 <i>Pole</i> /S	D Thomas N Croydon-Fowler	
2.676-mi	ile circuit	

combined race, red-flagged overall result taken @ 11 laps

(big off in testing) took S-Class honours after early leader Nick Croydon -Fowler rear-ended Andrew Deviny, both out with damage, while Andy Dickinson's engine overheated a lap from home. Finally, Graeme Davis had been struggling for gears, eventually being caught out between Gerlach- and Hugenholz- bochts, bringing out the red flags •

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#### **MINI MIGLIA / LIBRE**

unday's early afternoon encounter produced more superb neck-straining action, with the final result reflecting a some recompense for the previous fabulous to watch, with Harvey couple of yellow flag incidents. In day's penalty. Conversely, Howard getting the nod over Fraser by 0.98s Miglias, Deeth and Smith were again was unhappy having been given a and, but for a poor start, Van on course for top honours when both went off together on the last lap at the looping left-hander, Bocht ery drive to eighth after an opening 10, leaving Charlie Budd in front. lap 'off', and just pipping McDonald However he was adjudged to have on the line. Running a loaned enpassed under yellows and dropped to seventh, handing the overall win to Peacock ahead of Drew and later, having clipped Le May into the Brown. Having cured the previous chicane gravel on lap 8, leading to a before the latter's engine cried

pace all day. A little further back, Cuthbertson was happy with sixth, 30s penalty which dropped him to 10th. Porter put in a storming recovgine, Sims was an early pit caller, followed by Simmonds a few laps day's engine problem, Summer- safety car period. Kane Astin didn't



hayes had a great run to fourth, even make the start, returning to likewise Osborne who was on the the paddock on the formation lap. Meanwhile, the Libre result was a reverse of the previous day, equally Cleemputte might have joined them, a change of engine overnight greatly improving his pace.

#### MINI SE7EN / S-CLASS

he Se7ens race was set to be a 2-car shootout between Deviny and polesitter Thomas, enough a lap short, having previously made an unsuccessful attempt at the chicane. Despite being lapped by the Migs, Deviny took a clear win, followed by a humdinger of a scrap between Burger, Sanderson, Hunter and Thompson. In sixth, Dan Budd was pleased to get through both races, a psychological barrier overcome after his Thruxton roll, while Roberts got the better of Wanstall flag. The 'Miglias-in-the-mirrors' (or for seventh, the latter's pace having dropped from the day before. Eaton served to bunch up the remaining and Window had a good scrap for runners, Proctor, Cooper and Hop-9th, followed by Croydon-Fowler who made up for Saturday by taking group ahead. Davis was the only non the S-Class category, although once -starter following his crunch in Race the Miglias had threaded their way 1, while of note a new Se7en lap through, Thorburn Astin and Dickinson were almost on his tail at the

#### **RESULTS:**

	inglia / Liste ito Lapo
3 81 4 85 5 64 6 37 11 113 12 127	Colin Peacock 26:49.302 Dave Drew Alfie Brown Sam Summerhayes Alex Osborne James Cuthbertson Phil Harvey 28:01.449 Ian Fraser Pieter Van Cleemputte
FL/m	A Smith 2:01.325 - 79.40 mph
FL/L	I Fraser 2:06.162 - 76.36 mph (record)
	P Harvey
Race 2	Se7en / S-Class 12 Laps*
1728181919462082148267772773628779	Andrew Deviny 26:56.593 Dom Burger Tom Sanderson Max Hunter Joe Thompson Dan Budd N Croydon-Fowler 27:46.257 Thorburn Astin Andy Dickinson
FL/7	D Thomas 2:12.157 - 72.90 mph (record)
FL/S	N Croydon-Fowler 2:14.526 - 71.61 mph
Pole/7 Pole/S	A Deviny N Croydon-Fowler
2.676-mi	
	*combined race
	2 29 3 81 4 85 5 64 6 37 11 113 12 127 FL/M FL/L Pole/M Pole/L Race 2 16 77 17 28 18 19 19 46 20 8 21 48 26 777 27 736 28 779 FL/7 FL/S Pole/7 Pole/S

"bandits at 6 o'clock!") effect also per all within a few seconds of the record was set by Thomas •

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# POINTS after Rds 7 & 8



### **MINI SE7EN**

Pos	#	Driver	Pts
1	46	Max HUNTER	142
2	19	Tom SANDERSON	142
3	5	Spencer WANSTALL	131
4	28	Dom BURGER	110
5	8	Joe THOMPSON	101
6	20	Darren THOMAS	100
7	77	Andrew DEVINY	94
8	47	Dan BUDD	83
9	95	Julian PROCTOR	73
10	22	Graeme DAVIS	71
11	777	Nick CROYDON-FOWLER	68
12	0	Leon Oli WINDOW	63
13	736	Thorburn ASTIN	59
14	45	Leon WIGHTMAN	58
15	55	Darren EATON	58
16	708	Scott KENDALL	55
17	94	Lee ROBERTS	55
18			42
19	723	James BULL	38
20	7	Gareth HUNT	23
21	49	Ross BILLISON	23
		Mark CHAPPELL	19
	779	Andy DICKINSON	17
24	38	Steven HOPPER	12
25	711	Rick SHORTLE	12
-		Simon MARTIN	12
27	700	Morgan LEWIS	11
-	-	Kevin O'SHEA	8
-		Kelvin EDGAR	5
	•	'95 Stuart GILBY	5
nc	71	Simon JONES	-

2018 Dunlop National Challenge points based on total of 14 rounds with the best 11 scores to count

\* Mini Libre scored separately to main Challenge





## MINI MIGLIA

Pos	; #	Driver	Pts
1	29	Dave DREW	142
2	83	Colin PEACOCK	129
3	21	Aaron SMITH	114
4	11	Kane ASTIN	99
5	81	Alfie BROWN	98
6	47	Charlie BUDD	95
7	23	Rupert DEETH	92
8	72	Rob HOWARD	87
9	92	Jason PORTER	77
10	37	James CUTHBERTSON	69
11	88	Kieren MCDONALD	62
12	26	Peter ARNOLD	48
13	42	Paul SIMMONDS	42
14	20	Mark SIMS	41
15	0	Lee DEEGAN	40
16	46	Steve MAXTED	39
17	43	Dave EDGECOMBE	30
18	64	Alex OSBORNE	27
19	44	Darren MOON	26
20	69	Tony LE MAY	23
21	56	Nick PADMORE	19
22	85	Sam SUMMERHAYES	18
23	27	Peter HARRIES	17
24	49	Martin WAGER	10
25	12	Richard SMITH	10
26	17	Richard JESSOP	7
nc	24	Lewis SELBY	-

## **MINI LIBRE**

Pos	#	Driver	Pts *
1	113	Phil HARVEY	41
2	127	lan FRASER	37
3	126	Peter HILLS	21
4	186	David FRANKS	18
5	282	Pieter van CLEEMPUTTE	12
6	149	Gary WARBURTON	11
7	666	Jonathan LEWIS	11
8	616	Justin COOPER	10
9	177	Peter CREWES	8
10	222	Ben BUTLER	5
11	129	Alex OSBORNE	1



### **MINI-7 S-CLASS**

Pos	; #	Driver	Pts
1	736	Thorburn ASTIN	54
2	777	Nick CROYDON-FOWLER	51
3	708	Scott KENDALL	43
4	723	James BULL	32
5	779	Andy DICKINSON	18
6	796	Mark CHAPPELL	17
7	765	Simon MARTIN	14
8	771	Rick SHORTLE	13
9	700	Morgan LEWIS	10
10	792	Kevin O'SHEA	9
11	747	Kelvin EDGAR	8
12	795	Stuart GILBY	3

### Se7en Novices

Pos	#	Driver	Pts
1	700	Morgan LEWIS	11
2	796	Mark CHAPPELL	11

### **Miglia Novices**

Ро	s #	Driver	Pts
1	44	Darren MOON	8
2	12	Richard SMITH	4
3	17	Richard JESSOP	3

## S-Class Under-17

Pos	#	Driver	Pts
1	736	Thorburn ASTIN	20
2	700	Morgan LEWIS	8





















Astin and Hunter's attempts to dislodge him from the lead, with Hunt and Burge contesting fourth in fine style. Robins now headed the sixth place scrap, ahead of Dyer, with Spark and Knight swapping places on every lap. Hunter finally found a way past Astin with a dive down the inside into Paddock on the penultimate lap. Moments later Kelvin Edgar ran wide into the gravel trap at Paddock Hill, causing the race to be brought to a premature conclusion. The race was declared after lap 10, which was prior to Hunter's move on Astin and leaving him classified in third, received a 10 -second penalty for starting out of position, dropping him to tenth behind Dick Hunter •



Heading through the gravel on his way to a DNF is James Winnifrith (left)

In the ex-Peter Bonas car, Kelvin Edgar also found himself in the 'kittylitter' (left)

The usual busy Mini SeTen filed heads uo to and around Druids hairpin (top)

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	RESI	JLT	: 24-25	August	(BARC)
	Mini	Se	7en	Rd 8	10 Laps*
	1	2	Paul Thomp	son	11:20.374
	2		Kane Astin		
	2 3 4	-	Max Hunter		
	4		Niven Burge		
	6		Jabez Dyer		
	7		Paul Spark		
	8		Tristen Knig		
5	9	7	Dick Hunter	r	
:	10	-	Gareth Hun		
۱	11	52	Nathan Bur	ge	
١	12	15	Steven Bak	er	
ı	13	60	Malcolm Kee	at	
¢.	14	82	Andrew Rut	hven	
	15	46	Terry Barri	nger	
	16		Geoff Taylo		
5	dnf	38	Steven Hopp	er	
ł	dnf	16	James Winni	frith	
•	dq	47	Kelvin Edgar		
	ns	9	James Coulso	on	
	ns	4	Ian Deviny		
	ns	20	Darren Thor	as	
1	ns	22	Graeme Davis	S	
	FL:		P Thompson		
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lap of 0:59.843 to head the 23-car Coulson and Darren Thomas joined

spite the ever present challenge from Kane Astin and Max Hunter aking their first appearances of the year were Tristen Knight, in brother

CALENDAR ALWAYS BRINGS

Dunlop Mini Se7en

hots up

Tom's car, and Graeme Davis. halted after Ian Deviny's car Thompson set pole after being the stalled on the line and was struck by hompson once again led the Se7en grid as the lights

went out, with Astin, Max Hunter, Niven Burge and Gareth Hunt following closely. Behind them a four-way scrap for sixth between Jabez Dyer, Neil Robins, Paul Spark and Knight was providing some eyecatching action. However three laps into the race everything slowed down again as a two-lap safety car period was needed to remove Steven Hopper's car from the edge of the gravel trap at Paddock Hill Bend. When the race went green Hunt dived inside Hunter at Paddock Hill on lap six, before Hunter regained the position on the run down to Graham Hill Bend on the same lap. Thompson continued to fend off





















#### Surtees to drop back to eighth. Burge climbed back to sixth after an entertaining dice with Chandler. At the front of the field Hack had his mirrors full of Thompson and Saunders in the closing laps as the pair of them looked to find a way past without success. At the flag Hack's winning margin just one tenth of a second from Thompson and Saunders •



Mini Miglia grid lines up ready for the off (left)

Saunders leads Hack, Smith and the rest early on (below middle)

Good midfield scrap led by Sarah Munns (below bottom)

Clearly giving it some wellie, Mark Smith lifts a wheel or two! (above)

Ralph Saunders is all smiles on the podium (below)

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RES	JLT: 2	4-25 August	(BARC)
Mini	Miglia	Rd 8	14 Laps
8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	12 Paul 77 Ralph 9 Mark 69 Tony 53 Niver 21 Mark 98 Mark 26 Ower 5 Saral 28 Bob H 17 Steva 24 Nuno 36 Matt 14 Robe 16 Andr 13 Phil H M Sm	Le May a Burge Chandler Smith a Stinchcombe a Munns dumphreys e Whiteley Pimenta Thompson rt Morris ew Worsley arvey ith	13:09.724
FL:		ith 255 - 78.09 mph	

### 1.1986-mile circuit

### Dunlop Mini Miglia Challenge - 24/25 Aug' Saunders leads title chase

Andrew Hack overcame the stiff challenge provided by Ralph Saunders and Paul Thompson to secure his fifth win of the season so far, but second place gave Saunders the championship lead with just two races remaining

aunders set the pole time of 0:55.109s to head the 17-car entry, which included three drivers making their first Miglia appearance of the year. Mark Chandler was reunited with his former car as David Edgecombe was unavailable; Niven Burge was having his first outing in the ex-Bill Sollis car and Robert Humphreys was making a welcome return to the championship.

ark Smith made the best start to lead into Paddock Bend from Saunders, Hack, Paul Thompson and Burge. Saunders soon made his move for the lead, passing Smith on the outside line through Paddock Bend on the second lap, with Hack following him to rise to second, before slipping past Saunders at Clearways to take the lead on the same lap. Hack found himself heading an eight-car train contesting the lead which also consisted of Saunders, Thompson, Smith, Burge, Mark Sims, Tony Le

May and Chandler. Burge was passed ing Smith at Paddock Bend on lap by Sims and Le May at Paddock Bend seven and made further progress on lap four, before a sideways mo- when he passed Saunders at Surment at Clearways on the same lap tees to go second on lap nine. Smith saw him drop behind Chandler and briefly held third after passing Owen Stinchcombe into ninth. Saunders just before Paddock Bend Thompson rose to third after pass- on the 10th lap, before spinning at



















A QUALIFYING RACE FOR THE SEVENS AND A PACKED WIN-TER ROUND TOO

### Unipart-DCM Mini Se7en Challenge - 25 May Hayman has it

MATT HAYMAN'S current rich vein of form continued with an excellent drive to hold off Dave Braggins' determined challenge and record his fourth victory of the season. For the second successive round, the sizeable entry of 37 warranted a qualification race. This number was reduced to 32 come race day with several withdrawals including Mark Hunt, who had been unable to repair his car in time after his accident at Mallory. Two drivers were making their first National appearance of the year, both men of Kent, Graham Edwards and Jason Ford and both would have differing memories to remind them of their visit.

ualifying: Dave Braggins claimed pole with an impressive 0:57.07 ahead of a rejuvenated Dave Banwell who put his below par Mallory showing behind him to record a 0:57.10...

ualifying Race: Oli Perrett was on 'pole' despite having his session curtailed by a broken throttle cable. Neil Johnson shared the front row ... Perrett led from the start with Tom Francis slipping inside Johnson at Paddock to go 2nd before taking the lead as

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take over in front. Andy's first lap fied for the Championship race. burst saw him climb from fourth to lead in the space of half a lap, the order behind these being: Johnson, Ben Owen, James McComb, Nigel Pybus, Andrew Pilkington, David Eley, Darren Coe, Robin King, Phil Lee, Graham Edwards, Paul Hampton and Jason Ford. McComb moved ahead of Owen into 4th on lap 3. Towards the rear of the field, Edwards swapped places with Lee as did Ford and Hampton. Ford continued to improve, passing Lee to go 12th on lap 4. The order at the front remained static whilst further down Edwards, urged on by guests of his sponsor in their hospitality suite, passed King to go 10th. Pilkington moved into 6th passing Pybus on lap 7, as Ford climbed ahead of King into 11th. The leading positions

Perrett took a wide line out of Dru- remained the same to the flag, ids. Rob Riding was the first casual- whilst last lap movements saw Pybus ty, going straight on into the gravel reclaim 6th from Pilkington, and Coe at Druids, and Perrett's race came pass Eley for 8th. Burge crossed to an end in the gravel trap at the line to win from Francis, John-McLarens. Francis led as far as son, McComb, Owen, Pybus, Pilking-Paddock on lap 2 where Andy Burge ton, Coe, Eley, Edwards, Ford, King, dived inside him under braking to Lee and Hampton all of whom quali-

> hampionship Race: Banwell made a demon start to lead 🕈 away from Matt Hayman, Braggins and Lisles. Edwards' race came to an early end after going off into the gravel at Druids on the opening lap, Lee spun on Cooper Straight before continuing. Percival and Mark Sims demoted James Hayman to 8th on lap 2, Cullum slowed as he went along Cooper Straight heading for the pits to retire, prompting a chain reaction avoidance which eliminated three cars; Burge swerved out from behind the slowing Cullum clipping Porter and himself into a spin which left them both in the gravel trap on the inside of the circuit. McComb, confronted by both spinning cars immediately ahead of him, dived to his left in

Matthew Hayman came from third on the grid to take overall honours in the Mini Se7en final (left)

Twenty years ago Colin Peacock was further down the Mini Miglia field than he is accustomed to nowadays (below)

\* article from M7RC mag, 2nd Quarter 1998 issue Photos: M7RC Archive (B Ambrose + C Watkins)

RESUL	T: 25	May (BR	ISCC)
Se7en	- Final	Rd 5	12 Laps
1       4         2       3         3       5         4       6         5       9         6       12         7       1         8       74         9       75         10       8         11       7         12       15         13       19         14       61         15       54         16       96         17       71         18       35         19       24         20       28         21       73         dnf       50         dnf       50         dnf       72         dnf       72         dnf       97	Matt Haym Dave Bragg Dave Banwe Mark Sims James Hayi Dick Hunte Steve Bell Ray Lisles Paul Brown Dave Perciv Tim Sims Paul Thomp Rob Talbot Ben Owen Nigel Pybus Andrew Pill Jason Ford Darren Coe Paul Hampt David Eley Robin King Phil Lee Niven Burge Niven Burge	an ins ins ins man r val son son son e e e e r s son	12 Laps 11:47.43
dnf 11 dnf 59	Andy Burge Graham Edu 5, 44, 97, 37, R Talbot	: wards 94,68,9	3 75 17 mph
	- Q Race		10 Laps
5 61 6 54 7 98 8 35 9 28 10 59 11 71 12 73 13 46 dnf 96 dnf 44 ns 97 ns 37	Tom Franci Neil Johnso James McC Ben Owen Nigel Pybus Andrew Pill Darren Coe David Eley Dardam Edu Jason Ford Robin King Phil Lee Paul Hampt Robert Ridi Oli Perrett Mark Hunt Simon Spec	s on oomb ; cington wards on ng uring	9:50.21
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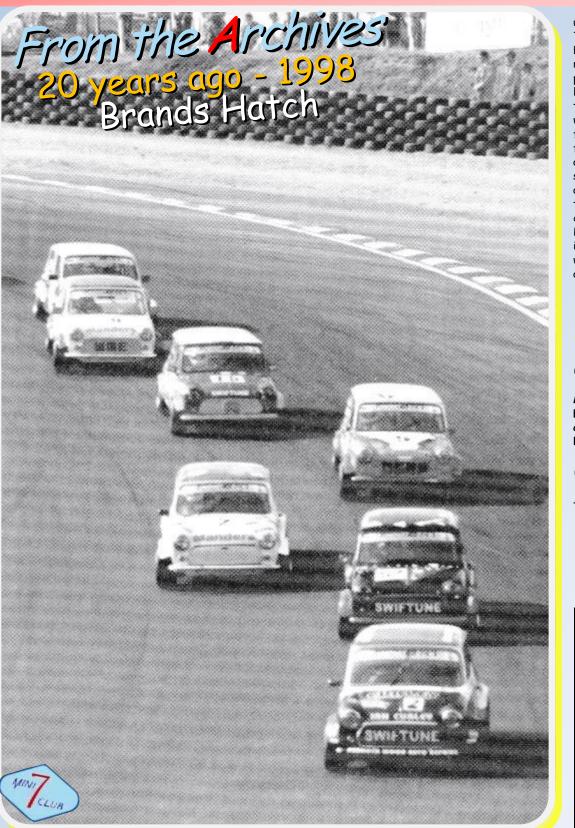
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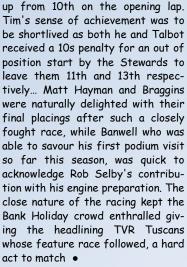




Banwell at Paddock to lead on lap 3. Percival moved into 4th ahead of fraught last lap saw several key

avoidance, ending up in the tyrewall of Matt, on his outside line into contact with Mark Sims sent him

on the outside of the track. Back at Paddock, only for Matt to brake into the tyrewall at McLaren, bethe front Matt Hayman went inside later to hold his inside advantage. fore continuing to finish 10th. A James Hayman was Tim Sims' next Bell on lap 7, Mark Sims demoted changes in the leading group. Bell, victim as he claimed 8th on lap 4. Steve a further place a lap later as after climbing back to 4th, was The closely bunched frontrunners James Hayman and Hunter went punted off at McLaren by Mark provided a great spectacle as they ahead of Lisles. Percival briefly Sims, who in turn was passed by Tim diced for positions lap after lap. headed Banwell to claim 3rd before Sims who crossed the line 5th on Braggins would edge slightly ahead he dropped down the order after the road after a determined drive



Roy Sisley

### Unipari-DCM Mini Miglia Challenge - 25 May

## Curley claims

MIGLIA HONOURS WERE claimed by Ian Curley after a typically close encounter that saw several lead changes

ualifying: After four different polemen this season, it was Jonathan Lloyd's turn at the front. Richard Wager was only

#### Miglia field is led by Ian Curley

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on past races obviously doesn't see not being on pole as a problem, claims he would be in the lead by on him).

ace: Due to the Se7ens being short-changed on laps this year, both classes were given a 12 lap race, thank you Sharon. Yet again Ian Curley proved he is the man of actions, not just words, by making a fantastic start and being in the lead by Paddock. Jonathan was demoted to 3rd as Wager also slipped by him. As the pack reached Druids for the first time contact was made between Mason and Abbott, the latter did not continue. At the end of the 2nd lap the front four of Curley, Wager, Lloyd and Baldwin had pulled out a gap over Jackson who had a brilliant first lap by moving from 8th to 5th, Manser took Pocock for 6th up to Druids. Meanwhile back at the front Wager was now hassling Curley for the lead. It wasn't until the 4th lap that Wager dived past Curley at Druids. When the pair reach Paddock,

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Jonathan's over-heating problems trophy cabinet • due to a damaged radiator). On lap nine Manser tries to take Jackson into Druids and further back Graham Ford came to a smoky end. On lap 10 Baldwin moves ahead of the troubled Lloyd (who would later retire) and Wager was all over the back of Curley. Pocock ran wide through Paddock and Sole took the LAST RACE OF THE '98 Winter Selast attempt at the lead through 5th win and was please to have done Percival and Banwell have equal points... some real racing for the first time

0.03s slower but had suffered a Curley drove around the outside of this year. Wager was pleased with broken valve spring in the closing Wager for the lead. On the way up the new lap record and had enjoyed laps. Baldwin was amazed he was not to Druids it is Lloyd's turn to sneak a good dice. Baldwin finished 3rd on pole with his time. Ian Curley who by Wager. So over the course of and felt the race was great fun. two bends, Wager had slipped from Jackson had just been able to hold 1st to 3rd. By lap 5 Lloyd was almost off Manser for 4th as his car had pushing Curley through Paddock, he blown the diff oil seal on the last Paddock (after his last claim, I'm made his move for the lead at the lap. Mickey Best had suffered a quite tempted to put some money end of Cooper Straight going into misfire throughout the race, 13th Surtees. The battle for 5th was now was Martin Pester and with Kevin between Jacko, Manser, Pocock, Mason 14th. Colin Peacock had suf-Sole, Owens and Dale. Endaff and fered another puncture, Mark Liver-Julian had started to swap places more had had a thoroughly enjoyaand would continue to do so for the ble birthday. Scott Bennett had remainder of the race. Lloyd main- suffered with lack of power and tained his lead until lap 7 when he a severe vibration. Sole, Pocock, seemed to back off on the main Owens and Dale all enjoyed themstraight as Curley and Wager selves. So at the end of round 5, Ian slipped by (this was the start of Curley must be in need of another

### Winter Series 22 November Winter closer

inside up to Druids. Wager tried one ries and the championship is all on this race for both the Migs and 7s. Going Paddock on lap 12 but ran very wide. into the race, in the Miglias it's Abbott So across the line Curley took his from Higgins and Lewis; in the Se7ens,

ualifying: 29 Cars rolled out to qualify with several new faces: Guy Sims, borrowing his brothers car; Andy Burge, using Paul Thompson's car; Andy Williamson, 1st race for two years using brother Richard's car: Ralph Saunders of Pitstop Racing (1st race) using Chris Huck's car. One problem came to light during practice as Mike Grayson and Martin Wager were both black flagged because they both had the same race number! How they managed to get through signing on then scrutineering without the organisers noticing is beyond me, Grayson so annoyed at losing three laps he went on to set his fastest lap on rejoining the track. As for the rest most of the Genny Gunn Miglias were trying hard to find gaps between all the 7s to get a good lap, very entertaining. Graham Edwards erupting in smoke as he turned into Clearways, later found out to be a drop gear problem. Also

> Mini Se7en Winter honours being fought out between Daves Banwell and Percival (top)

\* articles from M7RC mag. 2nd Quarter 1998 issue + 4th Quarter 1998 issue Photo: M7RC Archive / Ferret Fotographics (M Harvey)











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the passing of Paul Triffitt, spinning into the tyres, only damaging the bonnet. Key Mason and Mike Kearon cock was far from happy with the while Key had a big side slide. Probspent most of the session together, at one point a little too together the camber settings. Ralph Saun- abreast cars on his tail to lift off. (broken wheel spat). Kearon also had ders driving very well for his first All three sliding sideways. Hancock a moment at Clearways, he missed the turn in and took to the grass. dentist he had the day off to see, slightly over-corrected sending him Andy Burge only managed 3 laps is a Brands Hatch instructor. back, T-boning Gerald Dale, both before the crank bearings started Denise Manderscheid would be a cars spinning across the track causrumbling but still qualified 3rd. Da- non-starter with terminal engine ing chaos. Higgins on the outside vid Abbott (on Pole) later found a problems. broken valve spring. Mark Livermore racing the ex-Tony Hobbs car for the 1st time, after destroying his own car at Lydden... Following practice Mickey Bray had a misfire but cured it with a new set of plugs. Andy Williamson had a misfire, but a bit more serious. An ignition problem had overheated a valve, with help from other members, including the Pitstop team, he would race.

in trouble was Deviny, he misjudged James Hall (only his 4th race) quali- tunately Kev Mason's car does not

ace: gain the organising club left a lot to be desired, when David Abbott joined the assembly area he was directed to 8th place, not the pole as the timesheet. The Race (Migiia Part) was virtually settled at the first corner as so often occurs at Brands. Lewis made the best start with Mason trying to match him. Hancock, Wager, Dale and Higgins all close behind. Unfor-



fied well, despite being 'Victoria' handle quite like Jonathan's. Lewis Hall on the timesheets! Trevor Han- powering through Paddock to lead handling, I left him playing with lem being Kev's slide caused the 3 time at Brands. Rumour has it the got it together, but Martin Wager ploughed in and out of the gravel while Abbott took to the infield almost collecting Gerald as his car headed for the infield gravel trap. By this time the Se7en pack had joined in and Percival and Banwell squeezed through the debris to lead. Some were in the smoke and dust, Tom Francis and Oli Perrett tangled sending Francis in the wall, Perrett pulled off at Druids with severely deranged suspension. Guy Sims shut his eyes as cars went everywhere, to emerge in 3rd place! Rob Cullum and Deviny both took to the gravel in avoidance continued in 4th and 5th. From then on Lewis was untroubled. Trevor Hancock led the chase some 4 seconds behind from Mason, Higgins, Kearon then back in the 7s Abbott and Livermore. The race stayed this way to the flag, Tony Higgins pushed hard to catch Mason but Kev was on for his first podium and was not going to make life easy for Tony. David Abbott knew he only had to maintain position on Higgins to take the title, but he spent the whole race trying to pass Kearon after catching him from a long way back. The Se7en part of the race settled into a title

battle. Percival only inches ahead of Banwell. In 3rd, Guy Sims 10 yards back them Cullum, Deviny from Hall, Grayson and Riding. Percy's car doing some nice sliding at Paddock. Lap 7 Banwell (much guicker through Clearways) got inside Percival at Paddock, going deep but sliding out onto the old circuit, both maintaining position at Druids, allowing Guy to close. The Hall, Grayson, Riding battle was hotting up changing places around the circuit. Next lap Banwell tried again at Paddock, late and deep, this time it worked, tight line up to Druids and he leads. Percival tried everyway to pass again as they weaved through backmarkers but failed by a bonnet, as they crossed the line. Banwell is Champ' from Percival then Deviny. In the Miglias Abbott stayed in touch with Higgins to also be Winter Champ', Tony could not find a way past Mason, so Jonathan gets 2nd by race results from Higgins and Mason •

Mike & Alan Jackson

#### Opening lap demise for Martin Wager's Miglia (above left)

Fourth place for Tony Higgins not quite enough for Winter title (below)

\* article from M7RC mag. 4th Quarter 1998 issue Photos: M7RC Archive / Ferret Fotographics (M Harvey)

RESULT: 22 November	(BRSCC)
Miglia/Se7en Winter Rd 6	12 Laps
<ol> <li>20 Jonathan Lewis m</li> <li>16 Trevor Hancock m</li> <li>19 Kevin Mason m</li> <li>33 Tony Higgins m</li> <li>25 Mike Kearon m</li> </ol>	10:39.70
6 29 David Abbott m 7 93 Mark Liversmore m 8 35 Dave Banwell 7 9 8 Dave Percival 7 10 7 Guy Sims 7	11:36.28
11 2 Rob Cullum 7 12 96 Robert Riding 7 13 5 Mike Grayson 7 14 76 James Hall 7	
15       49 Ralph Saunders 7         16       24 Paul Hampton 7         17       46 Phil Lee 7         18       85 Andrew Deviny 7         19       83 Paul Triffitt 7	
20 32 Jonathan Hudson 7 21 45 Andy Williamson 7 dnf 14 Mickey Bray 7 dnf 12 Gerald Dale m	
dnf 17 Tom Francis 7 dnf 44 Oli Perrett 7 dnf 58 Martin Wager m ns 59 Graham Edwards 7	
ns 11 Andy Burge 7 ns 36 Denise Manderscheid ns 89 Peter Allen m FLm: J Lewis 0:52.32 - 8 FL7: D Banwell 0:56.47 - 7	32.81 mph
1.2036-mile circuit	









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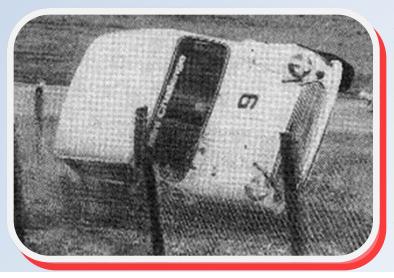
FIVE DATES AT THE KENT VENUE INCLUDED NATION-AL ROUNDS, ONE ON THE FULL GP TRACK, AND THE SOUTHERN SERIES TOO

### Southern Series-6 March Wager's warm-up; cool-hand Cooper

A SPELNDID Southern series opener saw Tim Wager ease ahead Cooper and Bill Sollis fought every of Mark Jones to win the Miglia yard for the 850cc honours with category, while further back Steve Cooper overcame Bill Sollis in in a similar tussle • the 850 class

ark Jones lost his pole advantage when his Slark Mini momentarily faltered off the line in the combined Miglia/ Seven Southern Championship round. Tim Wager stormed into a commanding lead and despite Jones' efforts, ing lead and despite Jones' efforts, fleetly; Se7en eased up towards the end that the gap closed. Tony Foreman was quickly passed by Jones and ultimately dropped further back as David Brookes and Dick Collins progressed. Dick Greenwood was an early pit caller and the Sevens of Steve Neil Johnson and Guy Sims engaging

report courtesy Autosport



# Austin-Rover National Challenge - 15 May Wheatley goes class to Sollis FOR ROUND 4 on the full 2.6-

mile GP track, the combined Miglias and Se7ens entertained mightily, albeit in a shortened race; Jeremy Wheatley and Bill A SOMEWHAT CHAOTIC Mini Sollis were the class winners

n all too rare appearance by the Austin Rover National Mini brigade at Brands provided terrific entertainment, doubly so with the slick-tyred 1-litre cars starting 10 secs ahead of the treaded-tyred 850cc 'bins. Dick Wager held a tenuous lead from Russell Grady and Owen Hall and refused to give way to the Midlander as they crested Paddock side-by-side; the resultant touch delayed both, Grady's Universal Mini dropping way down. Hall took full advantage but came under immediate pressure from Jeremy Wheatley who survived a bit of body leaning to gain the lead through Paddock but it was all to no avail as the result was declared as of the previous lap following a shunt among the Sevens. They

were led by Bill Sollis, initially from Malcolm Joyce, Tina and Steve Cooper but Joyce departed spectacularly out in the country and the farmer was lucky to emerge relatively unscathed. Peter Bonas was making headway, although his front end looked somewhat battle-scarred and was weighing up the rapid Ms. Cooper when the red flag halted things, with Neil Johnson's Whitespeed Mini having rolled into the tyres at Surtees •

report courtesy Motoring News

### Austin-Rover National Challenge – 7 August Malcolm prouder

AFTER POLESITTER Steve Cooper broke his gearshift, Malcolm Joyce then passed Bill Sollis for the lead in the Mini Se7en race, leaving Sollis to hold off Tina Cooper for second

n the National Mini Se7en Challenge, poleman Steve • Cooper failed to complete the forming-up lap as his gear lever broke, but sister Tina upheld family honour with a fighting third. Malcolm Joyce took the win, after initially trading places with Bill Sollis. These three had pulled well clear of Rob Selby, who lost his entire bonnet and front wing assembly in the heat of the battle but still fended off Dick Grimwood •

# Wager's wild ride

Miglia encounter saw cars off left, right and centre, but out of the thick of it came Richard Wager to snatch victory from Mark Jones at the death

ncidents galore marred the Mini Miglia race, but through Mini Miglia Tace, 52
 The chaotic opening laps came
 Tones the Russell Grady and Mark Jones, the latter taking the lead on lap five. Gareth Mellin lay third, but Michael Waudby was on a charge and when

The SeTens of Mike Jackson, Steve Cooper and Dick Grimowood are joined by the Miglia of Danny Allpress (top) Photo: M+A Jackson Collection / Ferret Fotographics (S Jones)

In the Mini Se7en class, Neil Johnson auditions for the Italian Job! (left) Photo: Autosport

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he collected the wayward car and retired on the spot, Grady making it his way to the front from Myk enough for Malcolm Joyce overall to the pits. An almighty mess at Cable, the poleman coming under Paddock on the last lap left Richard intense pressure from Danny All-Wager ahead at the flag, with Jones press. Cable worked a faster line and Mellin ahead of a photo-finish through Paddock next time round for fourth •

Grady ran wide at Graham Hill Bend from his car with whip-lash injuries. in which Steve Cooper did all he

and then could not believe his luck reports courtesy Motoring News as one by one his challengers



### Austin-Rover National Challenge - 6 Nov'& Southern Series - 6 Nov'

## Cable holds a lead

AFTER A RED flag stoppage in the Miglia finale, Myk Cable held on to the lead from Mark Jones, but champion elect Russell Grady's charge back to third was the standout drive

heavy crash at Paddock Bend brought a swift halt to Cedes title the Lex Mead National Mini Derek Johnson carefully removed ed the Mini Se7en title showdown

dropped by the wayside. Both Wager and Allpress slowed, promoting Mark Jones into second place, but drive of the race came from National Champion Russell Grady. The Midlander had been banished to the pit lane having had to rush to the paddock to change a front puncture but title would go to Mark Jones, Guy drove a real stormer upfield, trimming the lap record, to slot into a great third place •

# Cooper con-

Miglia Championship round and saw SIMILARLY A RED flag interrupt-

At the restart, Dick Wager clawed could by winning, but second was

ather like their big brothers, the National Mini 7s brought about the day's only other red flag stoppage, Steve Smith's Gemini Mini being stranded on the exit of Druids having rearranged the tyrewall on lap 3. Steve Cooper had been clear of Malcolm Joyce and the splendid scrap for third place and had a useful advantage when battle resumed after the enforced delay. Cooper rammed home easily in the four lap sprint with Joyce still pressing on in second •

reports courtesy Autosport

### Southern Series- 20 Nov It's a snow show inter arrived with a vengeance at Brands on Sunday (20 Nov) where the second of the Winter Championship meetings was cancelled because of snow... If the Mini round cannot be fitted into one of the last two dates then the Miglia Sims having already secured the Mini Seven honours . report courtesy Motoring News

Richard Wager won the Miglia race on 7 August (top) Photo: Motoring News

Miglia victory on 6 November went to Myk Cable (above left) Photo: Motoring News

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RESULT	"S: 6 March (BH	RC)
Miglia/S	Se7en Southern Rd 1	10 Laps
1 501 2 2 3 18 <i>7 10 8 12</i> <i>9 9</i> FLm: <i>FLT</i> :	Mark Jones David Brookes	1 <i>.80</i> 5.01 mph
1.2036-	mile circuit	
RESULT Miglia/S		
1 101 2 7 3 11 4 32 5 1	Russell Grady	9:29.20
19 3 20 10 21 87	Bill Sollis Tina Cooper Peter Bonas Steve Cooper Mike Jackson Tim Sims	10:18.20
FL7:	R Grady 1:49.70 - 85.33 mph (r <i>M Joyce</i> 1:57.50 - 79.66 mph (r	

1:57.50 - 79.66 mph (record) * combined race - red flagged	
2.6002-mile GP circuit	
RESULTS: 7 August (BHRC) Se7en National Rd 8 10 Laps	
15Malcolm Joyce10:11.4022Bill Sollis34Tina Cooper424Rob Selby56Dick Grimwood69Neil JohnsonFL7:M Joyce1:00.00 - 72.21 mph	
MigliaNational Rd 810 Laps1500Richard Wager9:40.5022Mark Jones33Gareth Mellin4120Steve Holtom589Peter Allen612Peter TisdaleFLm:R Wager0:56.00 - 77.37 mph	
RESULTS:     6 Nov' (7Oaks DMC)       Miglia     National Rd 15     10 Laps*       & Southern Rd 7     10	
1       11       Myk Cable       9:30.60         2       2       Mark Jones         3       1       Russell Grady         4       10       Dave Hancock         5       49       Dick Collins         6       67       Tony Foreman         FLm:       R Grady         0:55.00 - 78.78 mph (record)         * race red-flagged & restarted	
& Southern Rd 7 1 10 Steve Cooper 7:06.70 2 5 Malcolm Joyce 3 87 Mike Jackson 4 9 Neil Johnson 5 162 Guy Sims 6 4 Tina Cooper FL7: S Cooper	
0:55.00 - 78.78 mph (record) race red-flagged & restarted	
1.2036-mile circuit	
PIPER CAMS	5











A HECTIC CALENDAR SAW ALL THREE LEYLAND MINI ENGINE SIZES AT BRANDS

### Graham Hill Trophy: 9 April How now Brown; Mini 1275 GT: 16 April McDougall's fine Hampshire at

Championship opened to a much more subdued growl than we've come to A HUGE smash put Steve Soper and expect from a grid full of Minis. Paul Taft out of the 1275 GT running, Brands marked the first appearance of leaving Jerry Hampshire and Paul Gaythe cars with silencers developed spe- mer to duel over the re-run cially (and apparently very cheaply) by Leyland, to satisfy the latest noise regulations. As MCD boss John Webb commented. the cars are noisy enough to be interesting, but quiet enough for the commentator to make himself heard during an exciting race

ocal driver Ken Brown must have thought his chances of winning the Graham Hill Memorial Trophy Mini race had gone when both Charles Hill and Hugh Ward came past. But Ward made his bid for the lead on Cooper Straight on lap seven, and during the manoeuvre his car and Hill's collided before crashing on opposite sides of the track. Brown weaved a course through the confusion to win by nearly 14 seconds from John Simpson, who was in turn chased by Jim McDougall's 850 class-winning car. Incidentally, this race marked the first appearance of the Minis with silencers developed specially for them by Leyland. The cars still sound throaty enough to be interesting, although the silencers ena-

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ble the shrill whine of the cars' lead at Paddock at half-distance, transmission to be heard-rather like a field of turbocharged cars •

# Leyland Cars National THE GRAHAM HILL Memorial Trophy the Hatch

he Leyland 1275 GT Challenge race looked to be turning in to quite a battle be- CLASS WINS went to Eric Groves abrupt halt when the two leading

Minis attempted Paddock side by side, collided, and smashed through the catchfencing and uprooted the Armco protecting the marshals post at the foot of Paddock bend. Neither driver was seriously hurt, but there was guite a delay while the wrecked cars were towed away, and the barrier and catchfencing was replaced. The re-run race was just as hectic, although free from shunts. Paul Gaymer's Boopspeed car took advantage of the big gap on the front row to head the field, but things at Surtees on the second lap, and he autocrossed his way down to was alongside and back up to third

but again there was drama involving the two leading cars. They collided report courtesy Motoring News at Druids, but both recovered before Till came upon the scene, although Hampshire now had a more comfortable lead which he maintained to the finish. The third place battle continued through to the last lap, when Pitcher retook Till to finish third by 0.3 sec •

report courtesy Autosport

### Weber Trophy' Non-Championship: 1 May Wet Weber

tween Paul Taft and Steve Soper, (1000/Miglia), Tom Pitcher (1275 GT) until lap 4, when the race came to an and Patrick Watts (850/Se7en) in the Weber Challenge

ith the fog and rain closing in again after a slight morning let-up, it was rather extraordinary that the BRSCC let the preliminaries drag on so that the opening race, the Weber Carburettors Mini Challenge, started about 8 mins late. Through the murk we could just about discern that the Surtees/McLaren swerve was proving the most treacherous part of the circuit, with a quagmire on the infield where the rallycross circuit branched off. Second man Geoff Till and Jerry Hampshire Steve Soper (1275 GT), fully recov-were pressing hard. Till overdid ered from his valy crash of a couple ered from his ugly crash of a couple of weeks before, started the ball rolling with a hairy moment in front fourth lace behind Tom Pitcher, of everyone except race leader Eric although by the end of the lap he Groves (1.0 Mini), who was therefore handed an even bigger lead. place. Up front Hampshire took the Throughout the ten laps cars were

flying off at this point, and Groves himself was lucky to escape involvement when Keith Clipsham revolved under his nose on the last-but-one lap. Soper had another incident there late in the race, undoing a lot of his impressive recovery work, but up at the front there were fast, steady runs by Groves, Mike Fry, Chris Dobson and Derek May (all 1.0 cars) •

report courtey Autosport

### Leyland Cars National Mini 850 - 30 July Fearsome four

ANOTHER FULL-ON Mini 850 encounter opened the day's proceedings, and a manic four-car scrap at the front eventually saw Chris Tyrrell lead the quartet at the finish

he meeting had started with a round of the Mini 850 challenge, and an excellent 'first course' it provided. Graham Wenham led early on, but the four front runners soon paired off in the order Stephen Hall with Chris Tyrrell and Wenham with Graham Woskett. Things came to a head when the two leaders and Wenham rushed into Paddock abreast on the final lap. As they emerged, Tyrrell had obviously shut his eyes for longer than the others, because he emerged in front of Hall and Wenham. Half a second covered the first four finishers •

### Leyland Cars National Mini 1000 - 30 July Wallaker wins twice!

Into Druids on the opening lap of the 9 April Graham Hill Trophy race, Charles Hill leads Ken Brown (top) Photo: Autosport

Following a restart, Jerry Hampshire came from a midfield grid start to win the 1275 GT round on 16 April (below) Photo: Motoring News

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9 April (Rochester MC)

10 Laps

10:05.0

10:16.8

0:57.8 - 74.96 mph

RESULTS:

67

1

2 53

3 6

4 46

5 83

6 43

FLm:

1000/850 Graham Hill Rd 1

Ken Brown m

Roy Finlay 7

John Simpson m

Jim McDougall 7

Peter Daniels 7

Jeff Vowles m

H Ward



IT TOOK A stewards' enquiry to eventually settle the result of this Mini 1000 race, Mike Wallaker initially excluded after a black flag dispute but then later reinstated to top spot

dropped right back into the pack. Try as he might, and his recovery was a fine effort, Gaymer could not of the day, Mike Fry emerging from a get to grips with second man Chris Dobson or clear leader Mike Wallaker. Wallaker had disregarded a black flag, displayed because his car was shedding fluid, and his 'win' was stripped away. Dobson was therefore the lucky winner by a safe but not entirely secure margin form Gaymer, and David Abbott clung to third from Eric Groves and a pressing Phil Spurling •

reports courtesy Motoring News

### TEAC MINI 7 - 6 Aug Watts the story?

JOINING THE TEAC series at Brands, Patrick Watts showed a clean pair of heels out in front, ahead of a mighty scrap between the series regulars led by Jim McDougall

atrick Watts was the winner of an exciting TEAC Mini 7 qualifier, but he was almost ignored as all eyes turned to a fiveway contest for the next places featuring Jim McDougall, Bob Vanson, Martin Moorhead, Roy Finlay and Peter Daniels. Vanson and Daniels were the chief protagonists, rushing along in the wake of McDougall's car, but Moorhead put his oar in with a lap or two to go.

report courtesy Motoring News

### Leyland Cars National Mini 1000 - 22 Oct' Fry's delight

ole man Paul Gaymer made a FOR VARIETY and speed of delivery, mess of Paddock on the first what the BARC produced for a fairlap of the Mini 1000 race and sized crowd at Brands Hatch would be hard to better... A tremendous Mini 1000 Challenge round was the highlight race-long 7-car battle for the lead...

> •he first eight cars in the final round of the Leyland Mini 1000 Challenge were covered by just one second, Mike Fry's pole position car having fractionally broken the longstanding lap record in practice. Fry held a slight lead over Paul Gaymer (Boopspeed Mini) until Mike Wallaker, who had been way back on the sixth row. appeared from nowhere to take the lead at Clark on lap 4. Fry and Roland Nix 'surrounded' Wallaker around Paddock, Nix going wide and losing his place, before the fanbelt jumped off Wallaker's car, giving the lead back to Fry. Phil Spurling worked hard to demote Gaymer for second place, while, with Nix having

another 'moment' at Paddock, David Abbott was in fourth place when it mattered. Abbott had the merest of margins over Derek May (Loctite Mini) and Chris Dobson (Pearce Signs Mini), who had been a lowly tenth on the first lap •

report courtesy Autosport

### Graham Hill Trophy: 19 Nov G Hall wins G Hill: Rowland nicks it

IN THE Graham Hill Trophy finale, Gary Hall scored a superb 850 overall win, while the 1000 title went down to the wire, Paul Rowland in first but 'third' enough for Ken Brown

ary Hall's 850 Mini was in a class of its own in the Graham Hill championship race and, helped by Derek May's slow start from pole position. Hall got away into a lead which nobody else could threaten, Paul Rowland came through strongly to take second place and the 1000cc class from May a lap from the end, having overcome Charles Hill's car in an overtaking manoeuvre at Graham Hill bend which would have been startling even in the dry. Hill also gave best to Nigel Gaymer's 850 car, and Gaymer made a bold but unsuccessful bid to demote May another place on the last corner .

report courtesy Autosport

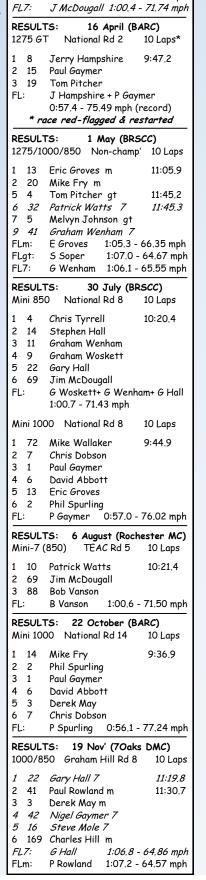
Derek May raced to fifth on 22 October, only a couple of seconds off of the podium positions (top) Photo: J Parish Collection / Ferret Fotographics (J Gaisford)

This 1275 GT shunt on 16 April involving Steve Soper and Paul Taft demolished a marshals' post (below) Photo: Autosport

All meetings ran on the 1.2036-mile Indy circuit

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IN ITS THIRD SEASON, FOR- The Bob Fox Formula MULA MINI-7 HAD GAINED Mini 7 Challenge-11 Feb HUGE ENTRIES. WITH FIVE EVENTS HELD AT BRANDS !

The Bob Fox Formula Mini 7 Challenge- 7 Jan'

### Icy reception

The Mini Se7en Club's Brands meeting in January was cancelled as the track was ice-bound

or the second year running the Mini 7 Club' January race meeting fell victim to a Kentish freeze, and the organisers decided to abandon the meeting by 9am on Sunday. Unfortunately, most competitors had either arrived or were on their way to the circuit by Mini 7 Brands then as London, and even the bottom of Death Hill, were completely free from snow. But at Brands it was a different story with the track covered in snow following a heavy evening fall and the paddock was covered in sheet ice. Saturday's final practice session was for Mini-7 Formula cars and was to have been the first round in their 1968 Championship. Fastest was Graham Hows who lapped his Mini at 64.2 sec, a whole second faster than the Bob Fox/Mick Walker record. Richard Hows in pole position in his dayglo overall race-winning car, Graham Bromley was second fastest •

Hows made a great start and rocketed off into the lead followed by Scott, but Mason stalled and caused a series of phenomenal avoidances, but everyone got round him without hitting each other and he was pushed away in last place. Hows went off into a fairly comfortable lead followed by Gordon Line, Mike Smith, Bromley and Bob Linton. Bromley got by Smith on lap two and then nipped past Line to take second. This is as far as he got, for he could not catch Hows, and he finished a comfortable second with Line third. A good scrap for fourth went on towards the end of the race between Linton, Smith, Mick Osborne and Richard Jockel. Linton looked to have fourth sewn up on lap 9 when his engine went off song and

and Roger Layzell behind them.



A THIRD season and a new title for the Formula Mini-7 crown. The Bob Fox Trophy, in honour of its oh-so-nearly posthumous champion from 1967; setting the pace was Graham Hows who staked first claim on the trophy with a tidy run up front

big field of Mini-7 Formula bronze Mini, flanked by Ron Mason Hows led home a furious scrap for report courtesy Motoring News and Ian Scott, with Richard Bromley FM-7 class honours

he had to pit, letting Smith into fourth from Osborne and Jockel • report courtesy Motoring News

### Formula Mini 7 21 April How's you doin'?

EVEN WITH an expanded championship in 1968, this non-points 850cc bash saw the Formula Minicars took the grid for the 7s fill the lion's share of the third race, with Graham grid. Behind the Free Formula

> ncluding a mixture of Mini 7 Formula and free formula 850s (all Minis), it was a surprise to see the Mini 7 category car of Graham Hows on pole position. Roger Saunders' 'free formula' Mini was alongside (needing a plug change on the line) and the other entrant in the libre proceedings was Bob Fox, fifth fastest. The grid was smaller than we have seen for some time. Hows went straight to the lead but



### \* full info in M7RC Archive 1968 issue

Saunders moved up, and when the cars got to Clearways Hows slowed right down for a few seconds, dropping back to fifth place. Saunders had things all his own way, comfortably clear of Paul Hutton in a 'libre' Mini dragging its exhaust system along in a shower of sparks. Gordon Line's Mini was poised in third place, moving up when Hutton was blackflagged and Richard Jockel dropped from fourth sport and struggled to the pits when his engine went sick. Interest was centred on Hows who had his Mini running au point once more and got past Line with plenty of time to spare. Line almost got back to second place at the flag, and Bob Fox finished well back in fourth place, his car not yet going as quickly as it did last year •

report courtesy Motoring News

### The Bob Fox Formula Mini 7 Challenge- 5 May

## Diminutive Brands

THERE CAN be little doubt that the short, 1137yd circuit at Brands is unpopular; not just with drivers, but with organizers also.

RESULT:	7 Januar	·y (M7C)
Formula Min	i-7 Rd 1	10 Laps
* race aban	doned - snow	d ice
RESULT:	11 Febru	uary (M7C)
Formula Min	i-7 Rd 1	10 Laps
	k Osborne	10:58.6
	9sborne 1.6 - 69.10 mpl	h
1.24-mile cir	cuit	
RESULT:	21 April	(MGCC)
Formula Min	i-7 NC	10 Laps
1 58 Viv 2 56 Will 3 50 Bob	ie Dick	11:14.0
FL: G H 1:05	ows 5.6 - 68.02 mp	h
1.24-mile cir	cuit	

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made a brave attempt at promot- equal fastest lap with the winner onship victory to keep him in the ing a clubmen's meeting there; if and Gerry D'Amato, he was a good 5 hunt for the 1968 title as series anybody could have pulled it off, secs adrift at the end. Richard leader Mick Osborne retired it would have been them

he programme was a saloon car benefit, with the 850cc class taking the lion's share of this. First of the five such races was a heat for Formula Mini Se7en cars. Graham Hows took the initial given a race of their own. Gerry lead with his smart gold Mini, and quickly opened a gap of almost 100 showing great promise for so little Richard Jockel. There was lots of yds over second man Maurice experience, and Richard Jockel was shovery pokery which is bound to go Watts, on the opening lap. By the second home, obviously troubled by on when so many evenly matched third, Watts had been passed by some minor mechanical ailment. Geoff Gilkes in the Oselli Engineering Mini; he hung on, dicing with Gilkes until the Oselli car gave trouble on lap 5. The eighth tour provided Watts with a very pleasant surprise; Hows, never letting up despite his generous lead, spun at the tight Pits hairpin, giving him an easy win.

after having changed cylinder heads of Ron's 56.72 mph fastest lap • as a result of a bent valve in practice, tried hard to stop Mason get-



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Nevertheless, the Mini Se7en Club ting away, but although he put up Hatch with a long overdue champi-Jockel and D'Amato had a squabble over third place for a few laps, the verdict going to the latter.

> nly four cars came to the at any time by the other 20 start of a special race for contenders in the race, although FM7 cars, all reserves being second place was settled in favour D'Amato led from start to finish, with

somewhat dull day's sport ended with the FM7 final. Viv Church really got a move on at the start, and headed the field until lap 12, only to have that familiar rear view of Ron Mason. Graham Hows made a bit of a nuisance of himself by dicing with the n the second FM7 heat, Ron leaders when a lap in arrears due to Mason took his 'new' car to an a stop. Yet another lap record went undisputed win. Viv Church, to the Mason household as a result

report courtesy Autosport

The Bob Fox Formula Mini 7 Challenge- 2 Jun

# Church leader at Mini Festival

IN FRONT of easily the biggest audience of the season, Viv Church (left) came away from the were still very close and there was a 2nd Grand Mini Festival at Brands full grid of cars for the last round.





iv Church's Trident Mini led

the Mini 7 race from start to

finish. He was never pressed

the gaily coloured car of

of Bob Jones after a race-long duel

cars are put on track together. Only

one car appeared to suffer any

damage in all this, when Victor

Waple clobbered the Paddock Bend

bank after being half scared to

death at the sight of a couple of

Minis twirling down the hill locked

report courtesy Motoring News

together in front of him! •

The Bob Fox Formula

Mini 7 Challenge- 8 Dec'

Trident tested

WITH THE championship already

decided it was anyone's finale; Viv Church ultimately secured the

title runner-up spot with a solid drive to win from Willie Dick and

> he Mini 7 Championship was already won by Mick Os-

borne but the final placings

**Bob** Jones



Clive Trickey in the Triple C Mini was first into Paddock with the rest of the field bumper-to-bumper behind. This continued for the next two laps with the pace really hotting up until the third time into Paddock when Trickey got the green Mini sideways and was hit by Mike Rope; Trickey came to rest against the bank while Rope rolled off the bank and ended upside down in the middle of the track. Miraculously all the other cars missed him and Rope stepped out unhurt. This left Viv Church in the lead from Graham Hows, Willie Dick, Bob Jones, Dennis Fernie, Ian Scott and Mick Jones, all as closely bunched as ever. Mini 7 Champion Mick Osborne was cruising round at the back of the field in a standard road car, his own car losing oil pressure in practice. Church held onto his lead until the end, but one of Hows' wheels came loose on lap 7 and he pulled off and retired. Dick came in second 3s behind Church, who set a new lap record, with Bob Jones third ahead of Mick Jones who had pulled out a lead from Fernie and Scott •

report courtesy Autosport

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RESULT	: 5	May (M	7C)
Formula	Mini-7	Rd 4	20 Laps
2 75 3 87 4 82 5 68	Ron Mason Viv Church Gerard D'A Richard Jo Keith Willio Maurice W	mato ckel ams	14:07.4
FL:	Ron Mason 0:41.0 - 56	.72 mph	(record)
0.646-m	ile 'Paddock	' circuit	
RESULT	-: 2	June (Bl	RSCC/M7C)
Formula	Mini-7	Rd 6	15 Laps
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RESULT	: 8	Decembe	er (M7C)
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1.24-mil	e circuit		

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# The Champions

Rover Mini Cooper to the Champion with highest points.

### NATIONAL MINI MIGLIA

1970 Mick Osborne Len Brammer 1971 1972 Mick Osborne 1973 Phil Spurling 1974 Russell Dell Alan Curnow 1975 Mike Curnow 1976 1977 Paul Gaymer Phil Spurling 1978 1979 Phil Spurling 1980 Roland Nix 1981 Chris Hampshire 1982 Chris Lewis 1983 Chris Lewis 1984 Mike Fry Mike Fry 1985 1986 **Russell Grady** 1987 **Russell Grady** Russell Grady 1988 1989 Myk Cable Owen Hall 1990 Myk Cable 1991 1992 Myk Cable 1993 Ian Gunn Chris Lewis\* 1994 1995 Chris Lewis 1996 Stewart Drake 1997 Bill Sollis\* 1998 Ian Curley\* 1999 Ian Curley\* 2000 Peter Baldwin\* 2001 Peter Baldwin 2002 Chris Lewis 2003 Peter Baldwin 2004 Peter Baldwin 2005 Peter Baldwin 2006 Bill Sollis 2007 Andrew Hack 2008 Andrew Hack 2009 Andrew Hack 2010 Paul Thompson Endaf Owens 2011 2012 Peter Baldwin 2013 Peter Baldwin 2014 Rupert Deeth 2015 Kane Astin 2016 Shayne Deegan 2017 Rupert Deeth MINI-7 S-CLASS 2006 Tristen Knight

2007 Nathan Burge 2008 Nathan Burge 2009 Julian Affleck 2010 Julian Affleck 2011 Julian Affleck 2012 Julian Proctor 2013 Julian Proctor 2014 Shaun Tarlton 2015 Ian Deviny 2016 Josh Collins 2017 Shaun Tarlton

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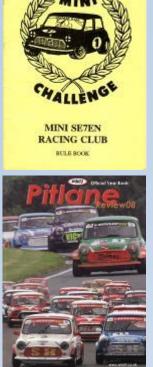
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- TROPHY SE7EN / MIGLIA 1977 Steve Hall / Peter Hill 1978 Roy Finlay / Ken Brown 1979 Tim Lester/ Tony Edmonds 1980 Gordon Levett / John Simpson 1981 Steve Mole / Stewart Fowler CADWELL PARK SERIES 1978 Chris Tyrrell (overall) CASTLE COMBE SERIES 1983 Mike Fry (overall) LYDDEN SERIES -SE7EN / MIGLIA 1983 Barbara Cowell / Peter Moore 1984 Chris Gould / David Titmuss 1985 Peter Kavanagh / Grant Munday 1986 Chris Tyrrell
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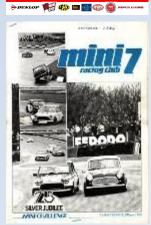
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1988 Bill Sollis / Mark Jones





MINI SE7EN: DEVINY'S 2ND TITLE



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1967 Bob Fox 1968 Mick Osborne 1969 Paul Gaymer 1970 Len Brammer Graham Wenham 1971 1972 **Reg** Armstrong 1973 Mick Moss 1974 Chris Tyrrell Graham Wenham 1975 Graham Wenham 1976 Martin Goodall 1977 1978 Steve Hall 1979 Patrick Watts 1980 Jonathan Lewis 1981 Gary Hall Gerald Dale 1982 1983 Chris Gould 1984 Chris Gould 1985 Russell Grady 1986 Chris Tyrrell 1987 Chris Tyrrell 1988 Malcolm Joyce 1989 Steve Cooper\* 1990 Bill Sollis\* 1991 Bill Sollis\* 1992 Mike Jackson\* 1993 Tina Cooper\* 1994 Ian Curley Mike Jackson\* 1995 1996 Phil Manser\* 1997 Steve Bell 1998 Matthew Hayman 1999 Dave Braggins 2000 Dave Braggins 2001 Tim Sims\* 2002 Tim Sims 2003 Tim Sims 2004 James Hall 2005 Paul Thompson 2006 Andrew Deviny 2007 Max Hunter 2008 Paul Thompson 2009 Kane Astin 2010 Paul Spark 2011 Paul Spark 2012 Paul Spark 2013 Andrew Deviny 2014 Andrew Deviny 2015 Paul Spark 2016 Ashley Davies 2017 Charlie Budd

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1966 Bob Fox

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- 1993 Jonathan Lee
- 1997 **Tony Higgins** 1998 David Abbott 1999 Jonathan Lewis 2000 Kevin Mason 2001 Kelly Rogers 2002 Paul Brown 2003 Martin Wager NOVICE AWARD - SE7EN 1973 Hugo Shipley 1974 John West 1975 Jeremy Wheatley 1976 Chris Lewis 1977 **Tristan Batch** 1978 Rob Selby 1979 Jonathan Lewis 1980 Derek Miller + Peter Lawton 1981 Mark Cinnamon 1982 Barbara Cowell 1983 Jeremy Omerod 1984 Dave Banwell 1985 Bill Sollis 1986 Alan Jackson 1987 Steve Cooper 1988 Andy Hack 1989 Bill Boyle Niven Burge 1990 1991 Tim Stanbridge 1992 Shaun King 1993 Matthew Hayman 1994 John Pearson 1995 James Hayman 1996 Paul Woodbridge 1997 Sarah Munns 1998 **Tom Francis** 1999 Peter Weston 2000 Duncan Emmett 2001 James Loukes 2002 Max Hunter 2003 Lewis Selby 2004 Alex Myall 2005 Lee Jones 2006 Ricky Horne 2007 Thomas Knight 2008 Neil Robins 2009 Terry Barringer 2010 Mike Rayner 2011 Ashley Davies 2012 Ross Billison 2013 Justin Drury
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0	Leon Oli WINDOW
5	Spencer WANSTALL
7	Gareth HUNT
8	Joe THOMPSON
15	Steve BAKER
19	Tom SANDERSON
20	Darren THOMAS
22	Graeme DAVIS
28	Dom BURGER
30	Tina COOPER
31	Ian BRISCALL
38	Steven HOPPER
45	Leon WIGHTMAN
46	Max HUNTER
47	Daniel BUDD
49	Ross BILLISON
51	Elliot STAFFORD
55	Darren EATON
60	Malcolm J KEAT
63	Dave ROBINSON
69	Steve TRENCH
71	Simon JONES
77	Andrew DEVINY
84	Rob PEARSON
94	Lee ROBERTS
95	Julian PROCTOR
96	Stuart GILBY
?	Paul SPARK
?	Chris BLACKWELL-FROST
?	Dick HUNTER
?	Ralph BUDD

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#### Driver Lee DEEGAN 11 Kane ASTIN 12 Richard SMITH n 15 Gordon POCOCK 17 Richard JESSOP n 20 Mark SIMS 21 Aaron SMITH Stuart HORSFALL 22 23 Rupert DEETH Lewis SELBY 24 26 Peter ARNOLD 27 Peter HARRIES 28 **Bob HUMPHREYS** 29 Dave DREW 37 James CUTHBERTSON 42 Paul SIMMONDS 43 Dave EDGECOMBE 44 Darren MOON n 46 Steve MAXTED 47 **Charlie BUDD** 49 Martin WAGER 56 Nick PADMORE 64 Alex OSBORNE 69 Tony LE MAY 72 Rob HOWARD Alfie **BROWN** 81 83 Colin PFACOCK 85 Sam SUMMERHAYES 88 **Kieren MCDONALD**

- 92 Jason PORTER
  - Ashley DAVIES

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Tristen KNIGHT











Driver	#	Driver
Morgan LEWIS n	113	Phil HARVEY
Scott KENDALL	115	Steve BAKER
Rick SHORTLE	126	Peter HILLS
Jack SHEARING n	127	lan FRASER
James BULL	129	Alex OSBORNE
Thorburn ASTIN	132	Brian DAVAGE
Kelvin EDGAR	133	Les STANTON <i>n</i>
Simon MARTIN	149	Gary WARBURTON
Stephen COLBRAN n	177	Peter CREWES
Julian AFFLECK	186	David FRANKS
Nick CROYDON-FOWLER	222	Ben BUTLER
Andy DICKINSON	282	Pieter Van CLEEMPUTTE
Shaun TARLTON	500	Rob DAVIS n
Kevin O'SHEA	616	Justin COOPER
Stuart GILBY	666	Jonathan LEWIS

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  - Paul THOMPSON
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