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THANK YOU PAM

Pam has hung up her laptop after 20 years of Newsletters.

A massive thank you to Pam for all the fantastic write ups and Newsletters over the years.

Pam's Panoptics will return though with information and stories Pam wants to discuss with us all.

New Newsletter for 2018

Myself (James Wheeler) and Lizzy have taken over the newsletter for 2018, please bare with us as we work on getting it right. I imagine it will change as the year goes on but we are looking forward to the challenge.

RACE REPORTS 2018

As discussed at the AGM myself and Liz will be putting together the Newsletter but the race reports for each round will be written by a volunteer, hopefully this will mean we will get a different perspective of the races. If you would like to write a race report then please contact me. jwmotorsport@hotmail.co.uk

NEW WEBSITE

The website has been updated with an easy to download documents page and bcv8 information which looks great and is simple to use. So do not hesitate to take a look. If you need any documents such as registration

forms or the regulations, then they are available on the 2018 page. www.bcv8.co.uk

CONFIRMING THE 2018 CALENDAR

11 rounds 10 to Count

7th April	Silverstone Nat	SH	MGCC
28/29 April	Brands H Indy	DH	MGCC
2/3 June	Silverstone GP	DH	MGCC
14/15 July	Donington	SH	MGCC
18th August	Brands H GP	SH	750MC
1/2nd Sept	Oulton Park	DH	MGCC
15/16 th Sept	Spa Belgium		NonChamp
6/7th Oct	Snetterton 300	DH	750MC

SOCIAL MEDIA

We are really pushing the social media side of the BCV8 this year to refresh the buzz within the championship and also help advertise what is going on in the BCV8 and within each class.

Keep up to date with the latest news and if you have not seen them already video blogs on facebook.com/bcveightchampionship

Also the latest news on Twitter [@bcv8racing](https://twitter.com/bcv8racing)

We also have two WhatsApp groups for registered drivers 'BCV8 Official' for the official bulletins and updates of social events and the 'BCV8 Banter' group for a bit more of a laugh and some serious 'not to be offended' banter! If you are not part of the whatsapp groups then please message me on 07966906982.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Social events are going to be a big part of the 2018 season

Plans for the season will be posted on facebook and whatsapp before each race. Some rounds will be as simple as a pub meeting and others will include BBQs at the track. If you have any ideas for other social events then let us know.

ENTRY FORMS & REGISTRATIONS

If you have not already, please get your registration forms in as soon as possible to Pam.

For 2018 we all really need to work hard to get our race entries in as early as possible. It would be helpful if you all fill in the on line entry form for all the races with MGCC.

If for any reason your car is not ready or circumstances mean you can not race you can always pull out of the meeting 4 days before also your money for the race will not go out of your account until two weeks before the event. (If paying online , once you pay for the basket then your money will go out straight away)

Getting the entries in early makes us look good as a championship and gives the bcv8 a much stronger position when talking to MGCC and the other clubs about organising the up and coming race.

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

I am really looking forward to the new BCV8 season and hoping we can all put a fresh new feel to the championship whilst keeping to its long standing values.

Over the winter so far we are certainly seeing more interest and a few new names registering to the championship. With the introduction of the invitation class, we are also seeing some names and cars that have raced with us in the past and can now race with us again, ie. Some of the wide arch cars.

I feel this is fantastic for the championship and I am really looking forward to seeing as many MGBs, MGCs and MGBV8s as possible on the BCV8 grid. This should provide awesome racing throughout the field.

So far, looking at registrations coming in, it looks like there is a nice balance of cars in

each class. As mentioned previously, the plan is to make every class as valued as each other.

Finally, if you have not seen my videos yet, they can be seen on the facebook page and I am working on setting up a BCV8 youtube channel. Once the season begins I plan to get videos at each round and be prepared for the occasional driver interview (no pressure. Only if you want to). If you have any ideas for future videos or wish to help out or even make your own, then please don't hesitate to let me know.

SPONSORSHIP

For those of you who were at the AGM you may remember that we asked for some named Sponsorship for 2018 and Blaine Neaves 'volunteered' after a nudge from Ollie. This means TN Racing is the official sponsor of BCV8 for 2018.

We also had offers from Paul Khouri and Andy Young to help out with some purchases during the season.

We thank them all for their support in 2018.

REGISTRATIONS FOR 2018

Pam reports that the Registrations have come in over the last few weeks quite well and we now, up to 20th February, have 30 Driver Registrations and from those drivers there were another 13 cars registered for other classes. Our Regulations allow more cars to be Registered with only one Registration fee, as you can only be on track with one car at a time. Each car has to be separately registered and numbered. Remember, if you change cars from practice to race then permission has to be obtained from all the drivers who are there on the day and you will only gain half points but you do get a race.



JACKETS FOR 2018

We have enough Registrations to cover the first batch of jackets.



If anybody would like an extra jacket please let me know and these can be added to the next order (cost £40+vat). The first batch of jacket will be provided as part of your Registration fee.

*Image of the Jacket not finalised but will be very similar

James Wheeler, Chairman



PAM'S PANOPTICS

Time for me to sit back a bit and let James and Lizzy take over. I will revert back to my Pam's Panoptics for bits and pieces that I need to add to the Newsletter.

REGULATIONS AND PERMIT

The Regulations have been put onto the BCV8 website but the Permit still hasn't been received from the MSA although I have been assured it is now on its way. Until I receive the permit I cannot send out the Registration Cards. These things have to be done in a

certain way. Once the Regulations have been drawn up and the calendar is settled they have to be published and a signed copy sent to them. Once it has been received they issue the permit. I posted them by Royal Mail at the end of January this one appears to have been lost, the second one went out last week.

SILVERSTONE NATIONAL 7th April 2018 Round 1

Round 1 is just six weeks away. The link is on the BCV8 website & MGCC Website.

A message from MGCC regarding the Seasons racing. The following is an extract from the Race Committees report to the MG Car Club Council Meeting for your information.

M.G.C.C. RACE COMMITTEE

Extract...

"The Clubs race programme for 2018 consists of three two-day meetings and three single days. The dates are April 7th at Silverstone on the National Circuit, the 28th/29th at Brands Hatch on the Indy Circuit, then 2nd/3rd June at Silverstone on the GP Circuit for MGL. A new event is a two-day meeting at Donington on 14th and 15th July in conjunction with a co-promotion with the Morgan Sportscar Club which will be supported by both Clubs. The race programmes are very full indeed. Morgan with four races and with our principal guests Equipe having their Three Hour Relay as well as races for both of their series, pre 63 and pre 66. All of our own Championships will be out in force and we have included a race for both the MMM and Iconic series, something there for everyone. Apart from motor racing it is planned to attract as many members as is possible to the revamped infield area. Already both the T Register are planning their annual day out and the Midget Register are also in support. Others will doubtless follow when the word gets around. Camping will be available for those wishing to stay overnight along with BBQ facilities. Discounted entry tickets to both the circuit and the fabulous F1 collection of cars assembled by the late and much missed Tom

Wheatcroft are promised. The circuit, one of the best in the country not just for drivers but spectators as well, is now under the control of Jonathan Palmers MSV company and is having a very considerable amount of money spent on it to bring its facilities to a better standard. Race competitors will be impressed by the amount of resurfaced paddock now available and all in all it looks like being a great weekend. Following that we have one-day event at Oulton Park on 1st September, with most of the Clubs Championships in support and a new race, the 100 Mile Race is planned. Our final meeting is at Snetterton, this year a one-day event with the BMH sponsored Relay being rested for 2018. However, in response to many drivers requests we are going to use the 300 Circuit for the first time."

The two notable items from this extract is the mention of Donington over the weekend of the 14th and 15th July and the last race of the season at Snetterton. The Race Committee do appear to have listened to the drivers requests that we move the MG Live from Silverstone GP to another venue and this looks like a 'tester'. The other MGCC change from normal is a one-day meeting at Snetterton, dropping the three-hour relay and changing the circuit to the 300. Too late for us to change as we have committed to the 300 with 750MC but something to think about in 2019. That is if you all want to do every round with MGCC.

That has always been a dilemma. Do we do all with MGCC or expand and race with other clubs as a Championship. BCV8 have always over the years raced with other clubs, 750MC, BARC, BRSCC, SEMSEC and whoever had a meeting that would fit in with the Calendar.

Over the Donington weekend I have been asked to take the MGA Twin Cam to Chobham race track, which is now a film set where they are going to re-enact the cars from the era being tested. The Twin Cam is the first one off the production line (No. 501) and was tested at Chobham in 1958 driven by Wilson McComb the MGCC Test driver at the time. This time it's going to be driven by my own home grown Test Driver Spencer as Russell will be with you at Donington.

Bye for Now, Pam



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