



Farnborough District Motor Club AutoSolo SATURDAY August 15th 2020

Dalton Barracks, Abingdon Airfield, Oxfordshire (near to OX13 6JH)

Previous winner, Keith Petit, in his Sprite



Photo courtesy of Jack Flash Photography

Welcome to the Abingdon Solo, a Covid-19 postponed event, which continues our 18th season of this enjoyable, low cost form of motorsport, for road-going cars.

READ THIS BEFORE YOU ENTER:

This is a special circumstances event that takes place as Motorsport UK begins to “Get Back on Track” during the Covid-19 Pandemic. We wish to run a good event, while staying safe for all too.

Advice from UK Government, Motorsport UK and Public Health England/NHS will be monitored prior to the event. Expect changes to the event organisation and format as a result of newer or more recent UK Government announcements, guidance and regulations etc.

The venue is an open-air runway on an airfield.

Catering is on-site and Face-coverings / Masks are mandatory in the restricted catering area to help limit numbers and queues, while respecting social distancing too.

Toilet facilities are being planned.

The numbers expected at this event are c.60-70 for a full entry; this number is reasonably small and deemed reasonably acceptable.

The catering area will be near the Sprint venue where there will be another c.150 people.

Those attending are normally fit and healthy for the tasks required.

The final instructions to drivers and volunteers and marshals will contain the latest Covid-19 guidance.

This will be a paperless event in order to minimise any potential virus transmission.

Event cancellation will always be an option.

For this, the second of our popular Solo Challenge events for 2020, we are using part of the runway at Dalton Barracks, Abingdon, with thanks to Sutton & Cheam Motor Club and Craven Motor Club. S&CMC and CMC are running their Long Course Sprint on the main runway at the venue and at the same time as our Solo. Hence, there are restrictions on entry and exit times for the site and movement around the site. They are expecting an entry of 120 cars for their Sprint.

Effectively, as a competitor in the Solo, you will need to be in the venue by 0800; the gate will be locked at 0830.

The location of the entry gate of Barrow Road and should be indicated on the day by an orange arrow. It is in the vicinity of OX13 6JH which is a close by post code. [FDMC Event Locations](#)

Invited clubs are listed in these regulations, or if joining FDMC to enter, there's an application form on our [website](#), to be submitted with your entry. And there's a reduced entry fee for drivers under the age of 21 – see Section 9. This event is a round of the ACSMC Autosolo Championship.

Please note the closing date for entries is Tuesday 11th August – any entries sent AFTER Friday 7th August incur an additional £5 (so get in quick).

Note that the exhaust silencing requirements in Section 5, **will be strictly** enforced.

We look forward to seeing you on 15th August, and with the continuing popularity of these events, recommend entering in good time beforehand.

The Organisers

Club Committee

Clerk of Course

Secretary of Meeting

Entries Secretary

Covid-19 Officer

Toilet Monitor

Timekeepers

Safeguarding Officer

Event Steward

Scrutineer

Equipment Officer

Venue Liaison Officer

Media Officer

Awards Officer



FDMC Abingdon Solo 2020, Supplementary Regulations

1. The Farnborough District Motor Club Limited (FDMC) will promote a Clubman permitted AutoSolo event on Saturday 15th August, at Dalton Barracks, Abingdon, Oxfordshire. See item 19, 'Directions and Facilities'.

Due to Covid-19 management, the following will apply.

Governing body guidance available at: www.MotorsportUK.org/restart

ALL DRIVERS and attendees:

- Bring your own yellow/orange Hi-Viz tabard and hand cleaning gel/wipes as needed.
- **Any driver involved in an incident must indicate that they are OK by signalling with a “thumbs up” at the front windscreen at the earliest opportunity to any approaching marshal.**
- If competitors can safely exit the vehicle, they should do so, then stand in a suitable location and respect social distancing.
- **Social distancing is to be respected at the venue whilst walking tests and at ALL times of the day.**

All Driver note that you must agree to the following declaration as part of your entry: I am not currently experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 and have not been in contact with anyone showing symptoms within the last 14 days, except as a healthcare professional. If after submitting this form I do come into contact (except as a healthcare professional) with someone with COVID-19 or if I start to exhibit any of the signs indicating that I may be infected I will immediately withdraw from the Event, notify Motorsport UK and ensure that my close contacts also do not attend. Should I become ill at or start to exhibit COVID-19 symptoms at the Event I shall withdraw safely and notify the Secretary of the Meeting by telephone accordingly including identification of those others who I have come into contact with at the event.

Expect the following too:

- On-line entry and payment only
- Print your own Competition numbers
- Print your own test diagrams
- Self certify Signing-on
- Self certify Scrutinerring with potential hands-OFF visual checks
- Catering is planned to be on-site located by the Sprint venue. It will be in a fenced off area to limit access and queueing. **Masks are MANDATORY in this communal area.** You are welcome to bring your own refreshments and lunch if you wish.
- Take all your own litter home with you in your own car, to reduce contamination.
- **Social distancing at all times, currently 2 meters (~6 feet) is advised**
- Plan to be more spread out in the paddock than normal, a cars space between each other.
- Bring your own hand sanitiser and wipes etc
- Bring and wear a face covering if you wish (helmets don't count as face covering)
- Don't attend if you are feeling unwell
- On-line results during the day, best with a smart phone.
- Much restricted access to equipment. **“Do not touch any cones”** is likely to be enforced when marshalling.
- Event attendance limited to drivers plus 1 “helper” only. Sorry, no dogs allowed on-site.
- A less participative award ceremony, if any, might turn out to be postal.
- Being responsible for your own actions to keep you and to keep others safe.
- Those under a forced self-isolation or restricted movement are requested not enter this event.

If you are not sure about entering, probably best not to enter this event or until restrictions are eased. There will be another event planned for a month later.

2. The meeting will be governed by the General Regulations of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the FIA's International Sporting Code); these Supplementary Regulations; and any written instructions that the organisers issue for the event. General Regulation (**GR**) references are to the 2020 Motorsport UK [Year Book \(Blue Book\)](#). A Motorsport UK Permit has been issued ref 116828.

The event is open to all members of Farnborough District Motorsport Club (FDMC), Boundless (CSMA), Bournemouth & DCC, Southsea MC, Dolphin MC, Falcon MC, Oxford MC, Basingstoke MC, Southern Car Club, Sutton & Cheam MC, Club Triumph, ACSMC Championship (No: 55/2019).

The event is a round of the 2020 FDMC Solo Challenge & the ACSMC AutoSolo Championship.

Further clubs may be added in the Final Instructions.

All drivers must produce a valid club membership card. A competition licence is required for Clubman events. You can apply on-line for a Competition Licence, there is no cost, and you will get a Competition Licence number by return. [RS Clubman Licence Application](#)

3. As per [GR M22](#) (see page 211), drivers aged 14 and over and not holding a full RTA licence at date of the event may enter, providing they meet the requirements of GR M22 a), b) and c), as defined by Motorsport UK and here:

- GR M22 a) The vehicle used must fit the definition of a Touring car, as defined in [GR B](#) (page 62).
- GR M22 b) The vehicle engine capacity must not exceed 2000cc for normally aspirated engines or 1428cc for engines with forced induction.
- GR M22 c) A passenger (the same person for the whole event) must be carried who holds a valid, full RTA licence, and be experienced in AutoSOLOs.

The appropriate passenger, as defined in GR M22 c) may enter the event in their own right, but may only act as a passenger for one non full RTA licenced driver.

If there is any doubt or confusion over these rules, please contact the Secretary of the Meeting or the Clerk of the Course for clarification BEFORE the day of the event.

COVID-19: For this event, this option of entry is only applicable where the driver and passenger permanently live in the same household.

4. **Scrutineering will be self certified by email in advance of the event.**

Signing on will be self certified by email in advance of the event.

Gates will open from 07:00. We are only allowing 1 assistant/helper to attend with each driver. Tests are planned to start from 9.30. Latest recommended arrival is 8.30, when the entry gate will be locked; and any competitor not ready by 9.00 may be excluded.

Details of the location of the entrance to the site will be published in the Final Instructions Part 1, which will be emailed to entrants by Thursday 13th August. Details of the tests will be issued at the same time and you will need to print them for your selves.

After arrival, go to the Paddock, space out with about a cars space between you all, attach your numbers. You can then walk course. **At ALL TIMES while on-site you must respect social distancing.**

5. **Classes and eligibility:** (Classes A to E, see additional eligibility requirements below, and note the class capacity splits).

- A Historic; any car, registered or manufactured before 01 Jan 1980 (Entrants' vehicles will be classified into appropriate classes below for the purposes of the ACSMC Championship results)
- B Other saloons / estates / 4 seat coupes, up to 1400cc
- C Other saloons / estates / 4 seat coupes, 1401 to 1800cc
- D1 Other saloons / estates / 4 seat coupes, 1801 to 2000cc (To be combined with Class D2 for the event results and awards, but combined with Class C for ACSMC Championship results)
- D2 Other saloons / estates / 4 seat coupes, over 2000cc
- E Production (open and fixed roof) 2 seat sports cars
- F Lower volume sports cars, kit cars suitable for road use, and others ineligible for classes A to E due to modifications.

All cars must comply with [GR J5.17 & 5.18](#) (page 150). In effect, this means that exhausts MUST be silenced to normal road going standards. If, in the opinion of the organisers, a car exceeds an acceptable exhaust noise level, when being driven on the course, it will be excluded. A noise test may be conducted on specific cars in accordance with GR J5.18.

Cars eligible for Class A shall run in that class, rather than in the corresponding class from B to E, but must also meet the **Additional Eligibility Requirements** as for classes B to E, as stated below.

Class F includes all Caterham, Westfield, Lotus, Clan, Ginetta and similar vehicles.

Diesels, with or without forced induction, will run in the class corresponding to their capacity. A petrol engine with forced induction, in class B or C, will move up one capacity class. A rotary engine will be classed at twice its nominal capacity.

Classes with fewer than 4 entries may be amalgamated for the purposes of allocating event awards.

All cars must retain the original body profile above the hub centreline, apart from accessories such as spoilers and wheel arch extensions.

Cars not conforming to this requirement, or one-off specials, or kit cars of an 'off-road' nature, or electric powered or hybrid electric/other motor powered cars are not eligible for this event.

Suspension may be modified, within its original configuration.

In all Classes, tyres in Motorsport UK's current [List 1B and 1C](#) (starting on page 200) may not be used, nor may tyres marked 'competition use only', or manufactured without a full tread pattern, be used. At the start of the event, all tyres in use must comply with Construction and Use regulations, having at least 1.6mm of tread across the required width of the tyre, as specified in [GR J5.9.1 to 5.9.6](#) (page 148) and [GR L2, 2.1 & 2.3](#) (page 196), whether or not the tyres in use are on List 1A. At any time during the event, **no tyre** in the view of the officials deemed to have damage to the side walls, or no tread pattern remaining, or any layers below the tread compound showing may be used, and shall be replaced with suitable tyres before further participation in the event.

Additional Eligibility Requirements, Classes A to E:

In classes A to E, cars must retain the original panel and window materials although accessories such as spoilers and wheel arch extensions may be added. They must have full trim and the original number of seats fitted although the type may be changed. The engine must be from the original manufacturer and of the original basic type (eg: BMC 'A' series) and fitted in the original position, but may be a different version, may be modified, and may be a different capacity, provided the car is entered in the class corresponding to its actual capacity. The transmission must also be from the original manufacturer and of the same basic type, but ratios and differential type can be changed, including fitting a LSD.

Cars not meeting all the above requirements are eligible only for Class F.

The organisers' decision will be final, regarding the eligibility and most appropriate class for any particular car.

6. As per [GR M24](#) (page 211): cars entered in AutoSolos must be UK registered, taxed, insured, MOT tested if applicable, and driven to the event. NB: **these requirements will be enforced**. Proof of Tax paid from www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax; proof of insurance cover, and MOTs (for cars over 3 years old, but built after 1959) must be available at signing on. Trade plates will not be accepted. During this pandemic, it is our current understanding that your MOT certificate could be extended by 6 months if it was due to expire on or after 30 March 2020.

7. **Awards** will be as follows:

- First Overall: To the driver with the lowest total time – An Award.
- 1st in Class - An Award.
- 2nd in Class - An Award (min 4 entries in class).
- 3rd in Class - An Award (min 8 entries in class).
- Index award: To the driver with the lowest Index-adjusted total time – An Award.
- Best Young Driver: 1st driver under the age of 17 years on the date of the event (based on the lowest index adjusted time) – An Award.

No driver shall win more than one award.

For the Index award and Best Young Driver award, the times will be factored by the following Index of Performance, based on the results of recent FDMC Solos:

Class	A	B	C	D	E	F
%	92	94	96	97	99	100

8. **Entries:** The entry list opens on publication of these SRs.

The Secretary of the Meeting and Entries Secretary is

Simon Taylor.

Tel: 07966 826 706, up to 10:00 pm;

Email: SimonTaylor@FDMC.org.uk

Methods of entry and payment

- a. **Web Entry ONLY**

On the FDMC website [Calendar page](#), use the link to the Abingdon Solo entry page, where an entry form can be completed online and submitted to the Entries Secretary, together with a button for separately paying via PayPal or credit card. Any problems with making an entry please call the Entry Secretary, as above.

b. Entry Fee

The entry fee is £45 per driver or £15 for drivers under 21 on the day of the event.

Entries sent after Friday 7th August must add £5 late entry fee.

The maximum entry is 54, and the minimum 21. There could be a reserve list too if entries demand it.

Places can only be allocated to entries received by the Entries Secretary on the official on-line entry form and for which the correct entry fee has been paid.

Entries must be received no later than Tuesday, 11th August the maximum may be reached before this date. Entries will be accepted in order of receipt, and in their order of payment, if applicable. FDMC member entries and the first 10 ACSMC Championship entries will have priority for the first 7 days after publication of these Regulations. "Junior" non-RTA divers will be given priority entry till the 7th August.

If joining FDMC to enter, there is an [application form](#) on our website, to be submitted by post, with the membership fee, at the same time as your entry. Sorry; at present, we cannot accept on-line membership applications.

A list of entries received will be displayed and updated periodically on FDMC's website. Provided you have supplied an Email address, entries will be acknowledged by Email, and Final Instructions Part 1 will be issued by Email by Thursday, 13th August.

If the event has to be cancelled for any reason, entry fees will be refunded less any unavoidable expenses. If a competitor has to withdraw, and gives reasonable notice, their entry fee will be refunded, as far as reasonably possible.

9. **Other Officials** of the meeting are:

Clerk of the Course: Simon May SimonMay@FDMC.org.uk

Chief Scrutineer: TBA

Safeguarding Officer: Jessica Castle Jessicacastle90@hotmail.co.uk

Covid-19 Officer: Neil Brown NeilBrown@FDMC.org.uk

Event Steward: TBA

Further officials will be named in the Final Instructions, if necessary.

10. Final Instructions will be issued as part of the Signing On process, and will confirm details of the courses, the number of entries and competition numbers allocated. You will need to print all of these yourselves.
11. Timing will be by beam operated timing gear to 1/100 second, or by stopwatches to 1/10 second if circumstances require. The starting signal is planned to be a green light, indicating that the competitor should start the test as soon as they are ready, without undue delay. Cones may be less than 1 metre high. Competitors will be identified by numbers allocated. These are to be affixed to an easily visible location on each side of the competitor's vehicle. Inside rear window is good where possible.
12. It is planned that competitors will have the opportunity for three attempts at each test, with the best two performances counting towards the results. Marking and penalties will be as per [GR Table M.7](#) (page 212), as follows:
- The penalty per marker/cone/cone base hit is 5 seconds.
 - A maximum time, e.g. for a wrong test, will be the fastest in class, on that run, plus 20 seconds.
13. As per [GR M22](#) (page 211), a passenger (from the same permanent household) must be carried where the driver is not the holder of a full RTA licence. The nominated passenger must be the holder of, and produce their full RTA licence at signing-on, and must be experienced in Autotest or Solos. They may also compete in the event. However, it must be noted that they will still be required to marshal on the same basis as all other competitors.
- NO passenger may be carried by other competitors while competing.**
14. The event format requires that all competitors shall also act as course marshals, on a rotating basis. All officials, and competitors while acting as marshals, will be Judges of Fact for the purposes stated in [GR M2.2 & M8](#) (pages 208-9), and will be signed-on (in advance) as officials of the meeting.

15. Provisional results will be published on-line at the end of the event. Any protest must be lodged in accordance with [GR C 5.1 to 5.7](#) (pages 70-1) by email.
16. Practising, or driving unsafely anywhere on the site, may result in exclusion. The “Off Course” site speed limit is 10mph.
17. Cars must not be driven anywhere on the site by un-licenced or under age drivers, unless competing in accordance with SR 3, when they **must** be accompanied by the nominated passenger.

18. Directions & Facilities

FDMC's website will include Google map directions, on the [FDMC Event Locations](#) page.

The event should also be arrow'd from the turnoff on the A34, Marcham interchange.

A site toilet is planned to be provided at the Solo site, precise details will follow.

19. COVID-19

This event will respect the published UK Government guidelines and in addition the Motorsport UK guidelines. Social distancing **MUST** be respected at all times for the safety of everyone. In order to minimise risks related to transfer of virus, the event is planned to be run in a paperless fashion, catering is not planned and you should plan to do all of your own printing of material supplied by the organisers. If you are unable to respect social distancing, you should not enter this event.

ANY QUESTIONS? CALL THE ENTRIES SECRETARY (SEE SECTION 8).

ENTER ONLINE AT: www.fdmc.org.uk/AbingdonSolo20