

# Motorsport

*You thought you couldn't but you can!*



**A competition to select two drivers for a year's paid for "Club Motorsport".**

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012**

From all the applicants twelve drivers will invited to attend a selection and training day where their driving aptitude and personal attitude will assessed. All participants will get to drive a suitable car on a series of tests designed to assess car control (not speed that comes later). The participants will also be assessed on their 'determination', 'competitive approach' and 'communication skills'.

From this group two drivers will then be invited to drive in a series of club AutoSOLO & Autotest events based in the Leicester area. All the costs associated with competing will be covered by existing sponsorship.

## **Partners**

**Loughborough Car Club:** - A district Car Club notionally centred in Loughborough but with a membership drawn from a 50 radius. A club specialising in the promotion of club level motorsport, and the induction of new competitors and officials to motorsport.

**Motor Sport Association:** - the governing body of motorsport in the UK. Providing both financial support and enthusiasm.

## **Outline information**

### **Eligibility**

- 1) Aged 16 or more.
- 2) Able to control a car using common adaptations.  
(Steer, stop and drive with reasonable accuracy).

### **Assessment Day**

- 1) Safety briefing.
- 2) Car acclimatisation and practice.
- 3) Driving tests and car control assessment.
- 4) Individual interview.
- 5) Announcement of successful candidates and award ceremony.

### **Competitive Events**

These are all existing events with competitors drawn from the club's membership.

- 1) Six rounds of the Loughborough Car Club Tuesday evening Grass Autotest championship.
- 2) The Shepshed Auto Spares all day AutoSOLO.
- 3) A visit to an AutoSOLO organised by another car club.

### **The Car**

- 1) A suitably adapted 1000 cc saloon automatic with hand operated accelerator and hand operated brakes and a choice of accelerator positions. As well as a choice of steering wheel handles.

### **Costs**

- 1) All costs including entry fees, maintenance, fuel and tyres provided by the sponsors. Note participants will be expected to arrange their own travel to and from the events.

### **Support**

- 1) Experienced club members will be in attendance to advise, mentor and provide mechanical support.
- 2) The car will be prepared and maintained by members of Loughborough Car Club.

### **Important dates for the diary**

Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Assessment Day	10.00 to 16.00
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Evening Grass Autotest	19.00 to 21.30
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Evening Grass Autotest	19.00 to 21.30
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Evening Grass Autotest	19.00 to 21.30
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Evening Grass Autotest	19.00 to 21.30
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Evening Grass Autotest	19.00 to 21.30
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	SAS all day AutoSOLO	08.30 to 16.00
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Evening Grass Autotest	19.00 to 21.30
One weekend in October	All day AutoSOLO	08.30 to 16.00

## Background

There are a number of popular misconceptions about motorsport of which the most common are that it is very expensive, and not easily accessible. In truth motorsport exists at all sorts of levels and much is considerably more accessible than many believe. There are many branches of motorsport that do not require a highly specialised vehicle.

So why the Scholarship project? The background is that Richard Egger got invited to become involved with the formation of a motor club exclusively for disabled competitors. This failed when it soon became apparent that there are a number of disabled competitors already competing in at a variety of levels, and those who do compete are adamant that there is no demand for a separate branch of motorsport. The overriding view was that this is an activity where there is no need for a separate division. The range of disabilities that can compete with the turns out to be quite broad.

So is it a suitable sport for a disabled? Possibly yes. The key point in this context is that the bulk of performance comes from the mind, and given that a driver has reasonable control of a car, motorsport is accessible. Which gives rise to the question, why are there not more competitors. The general answer seems to be lack of awareness.

And so the scholarship project was conceived in 2008 to demonstrate that many disabilities are not a bar to participating in club motorsport. And to establish that the costs are not prohibitive.

Three years later the project has gained a momentum of its own as it heads into 2011 and you could part of this.

### Past Winners

2008 - Gary Edgecombe & Mick Brennan

2009 - Leanne & Alice Franklin

2010 - Kumar Moorthy & Bee Yew – Booth

2011 – Dave Barrett & Ian Trott



