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Dear FJHRA,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, and are ready for all the excitement in store for this year, which I think will be the best season yet!

Just a thought – did anyone in the northern hemisphere make a snow-FJ?!

Auction THIS WEEKEND – 3 FJ's for SALE;

3 FJ's are going under the hammer this Saturday at the Autosport show. Click on the names below to see further details on each lot.

[1959 Elva 100](#)

[1959 Gemini Mk 2](#)

[1960 Lotus 18](#)

Autosport Show – Thursday 13th January

Duncan and Sarah will be at the Autosport show all day this Thursday. We don't have a stand, but I've never met anyone else who looks like Dad, so if you see us, it will be us, so do say hi!

Race entry's opening already

The following entries are already open;

- FIA Lurani Trophy Round 1 – Monza, and Round 4 – Mugello. [Click here.](#)
- Grand Prix de Pau Historique - [Click here](#) – please return the form and payment direct to Peter Auto the organizers. Any queries, you can of course ask us.
Their provisional timetable is available by [Clicking here.](#)
- Bergamo Historic Grand Prix – [Click here](#) for entry info. Again, please enter direct.
- All Challenge Formule Storiche entries are also now open. [Click here.](#)
- Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion [18-21 August] – **Entry Deadline 31st January. Entry form attached.**

Nordschleife Under Threat

The From 2007 - 2009 the German government built a huge Leisure Park at the Nürburgring. It is based on fake visitor numbers, over sized and badly executed. Most of the time it is an empty ghost town. Once promised as private investment, it is now based on a debt of 350+ million EUR public money.

Instead of pulling the plug they rented the park, including both race tracks to exactly the same privateers who were driving forces behind the Leisure Park's initial private setup.

Without Racing experience they are since experimenting with events completely unrelated to Motor-sport all under the iconic "Nürburgring" brand name.

They now want Nordschleife to pay for the huge losses. Tourist drives are at a record high, plus a 5 times increase in rent for the automotive industry for their prototype testing sessions.

They are hoping for a new President of the Rheinland Pfalz so that some changes can be made to rectify things, but in the meantime, why not show your support by signing the petition;

<http://www.gopetition.com/petition/41698.html>

Montlhery Retrospective - Saturday 26th March – Coupes de Printemps

Montlhery is the “Brooklands” of France, close to Paris – a truly historic banked circuit of the 20s, which saw Formula Junior races in period, and Historic FJ were regular visitors until the circuit finally closed for racing in the early noughties.

This social event will be a chance to do untimed laps of the circuit. Silencers will be required. For more information contact Flavien Marcais; flavienmarcais@hotmail.fr

Member's enterprise

Robin Longdon is involved in a venture which should be of interest to FJHRA members, particularly those at the northern end of the country. It is the specialist engineering company, Motorsport Components.

As the name suggests, they make motor sport components! anything from a wishbone to a new monocoque or a washer to a drive shaft, all backed by many years of motorsport experience.

The company is based in Bolton, in the ex Chevron factory, and 3 of the staff are ex Chevron engineers.

Current projects include a new monocoque for a McLaren M8 and a redesign of the Elva 100 drive line (for Mark Woodhouse) to prevent drive shaft failures and wheels falling off!!

If you have an Elva 100 in need of upgrade, or any other project which requires a thinking man's approach to the design and manufacture, you can call Robin on 07974 169136 or 01565 653658.

See attached flyer for more info.

Anyone like to rent their car?

Allan Conway from Australia, would like to join some of the other Australian's coming over to race in Europe this year, but is unable to bring his car over.

He has a Gemini 3A (rear engine, drum brakes) back home, so if anyone has something similar they would consider 'renting' him, i can put you in touch.

He's particularly interested in racing at Pau (15 May) and Brands Hatch (2 July)

Chris Drake Fundraiser

Chris is off to Cuba to do a cycle ride for 2 great charities - Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy and NSPCC's Childline, "I go on the 28th Jan and am riding 100 miles in 48 hrs, Ok Ok.....not quite altering the boundaries of human endeavour!! he he.....but it will be a challenge for me as I am more used to things with an engine in eh! so am training hard at the moment, it would be awesome if you would be kind enough to consider donating with me in support of these 2 great Kids charities, my page on just giving is -

<http://www.justgiving.com/ChrisDrake> and whatever you feel you can give would be great, I am paying for all the expenses and donating too so everything you give will go straight to the charities. The target of 20K is just a guide, it would be great to exceed it and whatever you can give that can help get there will be more than generous, obviously we all are trying to raise as much as possible as its difficult for them to fund their valuable services that they give to children in these austere times.

Thanks in advance if you feel you can!!Hope so!"

2010 Season DVD's

Graham Clark of VFS Videos has once again produced some DVD's of the 2010 season.

These include the UK Championship Review, Front Engined Series and other races such as the John Taylor Memorial race.

For more details, his website is; <http://www.vfsvideos.co.uk/>

Lothian Car Club Establishes New 2011 Doune Event

Lothian Car Club is to stage a hill climb event featuring classes for historics, sports and saloon cars at Doune on 16-17 April next year.

The Club is expecting to attract around 40 historic entries, ranging from pre- and post-war sports cars to 1950s F3 and 1960s Formula Junior machinery. The Club also plans to run a separate meeting solely for historics, sports and saloon cars later in the year.

Club Chairman Tim Thomson said: "We have been keen to run a historics event at Doune for some time but the economic climate has made this difficult. This event will be a precursor to something more established that will bring renewed enthusiasm to our sport in Scotland."

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