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moleracing 2022 season - a close finish....

Lydden Hill

Cracking circuit at Lydden, with undulations, fast flowing bends and hairpins. Terry Holmes, Lola Judd 3.5 litre was in fine form and took the first run off win by only 0.05secs from Matt Hillam.

In qualifying for the 2nd run off, Terry left the track at well north of 100mph and did a long run on the grass but returned to tarmac without anything more needed than an underwear wash! However, the car was out of action for the run off and Matt took this win and Steve Broughton sharing the same car was 0.03secs faster than me in third! So close! but a PB and a good points day for all.



SBD Motorsport

Kirkistown

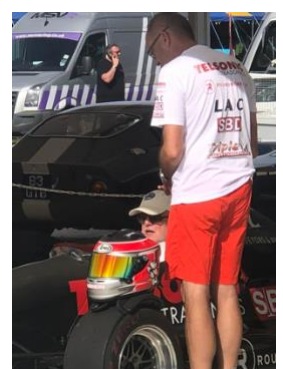
I hadn't been across the water for 2 years, so looked forward to this event, especially as my wife was coming and we made a week's holiday after the event - lovely place, highly recommended.



The racing was good, and of the 4 run offs over the weekend, Terry took 3 and I got my second win of the season. To be fair, the Lola was out of combat for the run off I won, but at least I had some stiff Ecoboost competition to overcome! Overheating was the name of the game as the long runs came at rapid intervals.

CarFest South

I was invited to be part of the show at Car Fest south this year (www.carfest.org) and drive in front of a 75,000 audience over the 3 days at F1 World Champion Jody Scheckter's Laverstoke Farm in Hampshire.



This event has been running for 11 years and raised more than £20M for charity and Giulia and I had a fantastic 5 days, joined by friends and sponsors. As a thankyou for driving, we had special access to side front of stage and our own guest bar in front of the 25,000 capacity crowd each night. The music line up was great, but I must confess to almost losing my voice after a beery night with the Kaiser Chiefs as the main act!

I was particularly excited about getting onto the Chris Evans Breakfast show on Friday morning despite the 5am alarm. At Carfest North a few months earlier where we were just paying punters, I had offered him a drive in my car and he excitedly accepted. He had a seat fitting, but I sensed he was nervous, and in the end not surprised when he didn't drive. But we did get interviewed on live national radio in front of over 1M listeners! Link [here](#) or by clicking the interview photo right.



The variety of cars on the track was fantastic and representing all different genres from supercars, to movie cars, hotrods, NASCAR, vintage and exotic. Kids were so excited to sit in an actual racing car when we opened the paddock at the end of the day, I reckon there were about 150 in and out over the weekend. His son Noah was a lovely lad and so knowledgeable about cars. I had James

Martin's £7M of Ferrari and GT40 in the paddock next to me, and I was pleased to put on a good show and enjoyed being the fastest car there. I also have been invited back for 2023!





[Link to compilation video of the weekend](#) or just click the pictures directly above

Knockhill

Possibly the last time we will get to drive this wonderful circuit due to price increases planned for next year, that would make the entry fee well over £1k for the day each, so would not be feasible. Good luck to the circuit, but I feel they will price themselves out of income at that rate.

We had a 600 mile round trip for the single days competition, and fair play to Terry and Graham who drove home though the night all the way to the south coast. Graham even opened his garage at 8 on Monday morning!

Rain all night – that's good! and a wet practice, qualifying and 1st run off. I cannot do anything about the monster power of the Tegra Lola or Terry and Chrono of Simon Bainbridge in the wet and my coming advantage is gone but was pleased to end up 3rd by a very narrow margin ahead of Graham Blackwell in the EcoBoost.



The rest of the day was on slicks, but touch and go as a heavy shower could swing our way rapidly and upset things. Qualifying was a steady affair – no point in coming off and not scoring, and the run off went well. But John Loudon and Graham both had timing errors and were given reruns. The hot tyre and extra practice certainly gives an advantage and they both were ahead of me as I came 5th, but to be fair, Graham was well ahead of me in the dry and would have beaten me on the first run I'm sure, and considering John is running a motorbike engine lower capacity racing car, he is punching well above his weight and we have been close a few times this season.

The run off win came from Stewart Robb Snr who brought his 800bhp Pilbeam Judd 5 litre 10 cylinder monster out again for a play and just pipped Terry!

This weekend we are out at my local venue, Blyton Park, this weekend will shape the championship, I'm sure. Terry is looking odds on for Champion this year however there are still 6 possible contenders, but all the way down the field there is everything to play for as some add scores and other drop their weakest.

British Sprint Championship 2022 after round 20			Rounds scored
Graham Blackwell	1.6T Ecoboost Mygale VVTi	408	20
Steve Miles	2.0 Van Diemen RF96mm2020	403	20
Terry Holmes	3.5 Lola TeGra T 90 Judd	399	18
John Loudon	1.1 Force TA	349	19
Simon Bainbridge	4.2 Chrono V8 TT	333	19
Pete Goulding	1.6T Mygale FF200	328	15
Graham Porrett	3.5 Lola TeGra T 90 Judd	302	18
Grahame Harden	1.3 Radical PR6	292	19
Mark Anson	1.0 Jedi Mk 6	280	19
Simon Wallis	1.1 OMS 3000M	266	17
Steve Broughton	2.0 SBD Dallara F3 RB01	257	11
Matt Hillam	2.0 SBD Dallara F3 RB01	241	11
Steve Brown	1.3T Empire Evo2	170	10
Carole Torkington	1.5 OMS CF08	167	13
Chris Jones	1.0 Force TA	158	8
Nicholas Scott	1.6 Force TA	121	11
Chris Bennett	1.0 Force TA	71	7
Robert Tonge	1.4 Force TA	64	3
Stewart Robb	5.0 Pilbeam MP88 GV5	46	2
Mark Harrison	3.0 Reynard 94D F3000		
Zoe Kingham	1.6 T SBD Westfield SeiW		
Martin Pickles	1.0 Jedi Mk 1		
Paul Tinsley	2.0 Dallara F397		
In 2022 there are 29 rounds with the best 18 scores to count			

Schedule & Results 22	Overall	Run Offs	Verdict	
26 March	Cadwell	2 nd / 100	-	😊
2 April	Anglesey Nat	1 st / 120	3 rd & 1 st	😊
30 April	Anglesey Int	3 rd / 120	5 th & 5 th	😊
24 April	Hethel	2 nd / 100	-	😊
14 May	Blyton Eastern	4 th / 110	3 rd & 3 rd	😊
15 May	Blyton Outer	4 th / 110	5 th & 4 th	😊
5 June	Pembrey	6 th / 110	6 th	😊
6 June	Pembrey	3 rd / 110	3 rd & 5 th	😊
25 June	Llandow	1 st /100	-	😊
16 July	Lydden	4 th /100	5 th & 3 rd	😊
6 August	Kirkistown	4 th /90	4 th & 1 st	😊
7 August	Kirkistown	5 th /40	3 rd & 4 th	😊
4 Sept	Knockhill	5 th /11	3 rd & 5 th	😊
24 Sept	Blyton Park			
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1 Oct	Anglesey			
2 Oct	Anglesey			
8 Oct	Castle Combe			

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