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The Silverstone Classic 2005



Silverstone will be reliving the glory days of British motorsport next weekend (30 / 31 July) when more than 60 years of spectacular racing machinery will roll back the years to compete in the Silverstone Classic, in association with Bonhams. Six decades of Grand Prix motor racing will form the centrepiece of this unique event at the Home of British Motor Racing, providing a classic mix of nostalgia and hard, competitive racing, as some of the most sensational racing cars ever built take to the world famous track.

The entire event will be centred on the infield at Silverstone and free entry to the open paddock and centre trade village will ensure fans gain unparalleled access to some of the most loved, and best presented classic racing cars in the country.

For the first time, the cars that made Formula One history (from 1930 through to 1985) will compete in a single event, supported by a superb line-up that boasts some of the best historic and classic racing series in Europe. The event will be a celebration of Grand Prix racing, with rare and extremely valuable racing cars - many of which were raced by the finest drivers in the sport's history - being pushed to the limit.

Silverstone's historic Grand Prix circuit, with its fast Abbey and Club corners, will once again echo to the sound of classic F1 cars celebrating 65 years of racing. The 500 plus car entry, with more than 700 drivers, is set to be one of the world's largest and most valuable gatherings of historic motor racing cars.

However, The Silverstone Classic is not just about Grand Prix racing cars. An unbeatable array of sports, GT and saloon cars will also add to an unforgettable weekend of racing. Race organisers, the HSCC, have put together a fantastic schedule of races with an unbelievable line-up of cars that will fill the paddock to bursting point. Every element of motor racing history will be represented, with cars being used as they were always intended - for racing!

The festival atmosphere will continue away from the track with a two-day timetable of action-packed entertainment provided for all the family. Autograph sessions, air displays, classic racing motorcycle displays, art/photo gallery, trade stalls, club car displays, a period fun fair, BRDC 500 RetroRun, children's entertainment and the much enjoyed *Scarf & Goggles*, with its live music and BBQ, all add to the unique atmosphere of The Silverstone Classic - one of Silverstone's most enjoyable events of the season.

Event sponsors, Bonhams, will also be holding a special auction of racing cars, related memorabilia and automobilia on Saturday afternoon with viewing available all day Friday and Saturday morning. Click [HERE](#) for a full lotlist. The headlining car is no doubt the Ex-Brun Motorsport 'Eterna Watches', 1989 Porsche 962 Group C Racing Coupe, chassis 004BM, estimated at £160,000 - 180,000.

Richard Phillips, Managing Director of Silverstone Circuits Limited, is thoroughly looking forward to one of the circuit's biggest events of the year: "Silverstone's historic and classic motorsport events have always been extremely popular with both participants and fans, and we're delighted that the all- new Silverstone Classic has attracted some of the most rare and valuable racing cars in the world.

"Classic motorsport events create a unique atmosphere, and we've developed a fantastic two day timetable that will provide families with non-stop entertainment, both on and off the track. We're looking forward to a great weekend that promises to be truly memorable for everyone involved."

Tickets for The Silverstone Classic are available from just £10.00 (if booked in advance) with grandstand seating, centre access, parking and access for children (aged 15 and under) ALL FREE.

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