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Silverstone Classic, 23-25 July 2010 - Preview



Still to come in July's dazzling historic motorsport calendar is the three-day Silverstone Classic, featuring 1000 drivers at the wheel of more than 800 of the world's finest competition cars.

Among the on-track highlights, and forming the most valuable grid ever seen at this annual event, is the **Royal Automobile Club Tourist Trophy for Historic Cars** – featuring pre-63 GT racers. “The early 1960s is widely recognised as the best time for genuine GT racing,” said Ben Cussons of the **Royal Automobile Club**. “We wanted to entice these cars back out onto the grid and keep the race faithful to the pre-63 era. It was an era when you could buy a GT car from a showroom and go racing.”

The **Historic Tourist Trophy** will replicate the original race of the period, with class divisions at 1300cc and 2000cc to ensure close racing all the way down the field. No fewer than 10 **Lotus Elites** are entered, including the **ex-Les Leston** car of marque enthusiasts **Robin Longdon** and **Malcolm Ricketts**. Other star entries include the **ex-Equipe Endeavour Aston Martin DB4** to be raced by **Stuart Graham** – the only man to win a **Tourist Trophy** on both two and four wheels – and **Richard Attwood**, **Porsche's** first ever **Le Mans** winner.



Attwood will be driving another **Aston** in the **Stirling Moss Trophy**, the brand-new series of historic races launched for 2010 by **Motor Racing Legends**. This time it's the world-famous **1959 Le Mans-winning DBR1**, which he'll be sharing with **Gregor Fisker** – himself a talented modern **Le Mans** driver. From the same racing stable comes the nimble, front-engined **ex-Phil Hill Ferrari 246S Dino**, driven by **Nick Leventis**, who was fifth overall in this year's modern **Le Mans 24 Hours** – and **Bobby Verdon-Roe**.

Meanwhile, GT cars from **Ferrari**, **Maserati** and **Alfa Romeo** will battle it out in the **Italian Historic Car Cup** – a 'dusk race' on Saturday evening dedicated to pre-74 Italian cars. The field will include such icons as **Ferrari 512M**, **Ferrari 312PB** and **Alfa Romeo T33**, racing for 75 minutes, and finishing just before sunset at 8pm. Joining them are cars from smaller manufacturers such as **Iso Grifo**, **Bizzarrini** and **Abarth**, as well as 11 different models of **Ferrari**, a sublime spread of **Maseratis** from the 1950s, plus **Alfa Romeo Giulietta SZ**, **Giulia TZ** and the rare **Simca-Abarth 2000**.



And the finest pre-1956 sports-racing cars will be represented by an outstanding grid in the **Royal Automobile Club Woodcote Trophy**. Another race organised by **Motor Racing Legends**, the **Woodcote Trophy** will see some of the world's most authentic examples of **Jaguar C-types** and **D-types** striving to be first across the line. **Aston Martin** enthusiasts will enjoy the equally impressive turn-out of drum-braked models ranging from **1952 DB2s**, through **DB3** to **DB2/4** – which will have their work cut out tackling the magnificent **Ferrari 750 Monza** driven by the **Frankel** brothers, **Richard** and **Andrew**.

Last – and by absolutely no means least – the **Woodcote Trophy** will welcome **Sir Stirling Moss** back to the race track, after recovering from his accident at home earlier this year. He will be driving his little 1500cc **OSCA FS372**, in the same class as another world-famous figure: rock star **Chris Rea**, driving his 1098cc-engined **Lotus VI**.

Adding to the on-track entertainment, the **Silverstone Classic** features 6000+ classic cars and bikes on display, a **Bonhams** auction, hot rod demonstrations, a fun fair, parades and live music concerts. For tickets and further information, see www.SilverstoneClassic.com.

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