



MOTOR CLUB



Lotus Sprint Festival

at

Lotus Test Track, Hethel

A qualifying round in the
New Hope AEMC&ASEMC / ACSMC / HCAAC /
BARC Midlands / B19 / Sevenoaks Speed /
WSCC / TWMC All Circuits / Morgan SCC /
Caterham & Lotus 7 Club / Lotus Cup UK Speed /
Scimitar & Sabre / TR Register Speed Championships

Supplementary Regulations

Sunday 12th April 2026

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This event is a venture between two organisations sharing a Hertfordshire heritage: Lotus Cars founded in 1948 by Colin Chapman (manufacturing in Cheshunt), plus the Herts County Auto & Aero Club founded in 1903.

Our course will cover 1.66 miles on the Lotus test track at Hethel. This provides a fast and well-maintained tarmac surface and challenging bends, designed to explore the handling extremes of cars developed by Lotus themselves. The venue offers permanent barriers and other safety features, with further paddock facilities currently under reconstruction.

Overnight camping is not permitted on site or on Potash Lane, but you are welcome to contact the event secretary for information about alternative camping arrangements and nearby hotel accommodation. Trailers with competition cars may be left on the main car park from Saturday, entirely at the owner's risk.

Opportunities this year include electric/hybrid cars, plus categories for new and younger drivers.

If you cannot compete, how about marshalling? As spectators will be restricted, marshalling can be a good way to enjoy the sport. All marshals signing online will be emailed a personal lunch voucher and be entered into our generous cash prize draw. No experience is necessary.

If you are interested, please contact John Davie 07894 642854.

Dogs and drones are not permitted at this meeting

Lotus Motor Club (LMC) was founded in 1997 by Lotus Cars employees with an interest in motorsport and especially sprinting, using the on-site test track. Today LMC has over two hundred members, including many former Lotus employees who maintain their link to the Marque via the club. The Hethel Sprint has grown to become a regional and club championship event.

ABOUT LOTUS:

Group Lotus is part of Geely Automotive, the fastest growing automotive group in the world. Geely has a 51% controlling stake, with 49% owned by Etika Automotive, a Malaysian conglomerate.

Lotus Cars manufacture the Emira and Evija conventional and EV sports cars. More than 10000 Emiras have been sold worldwide. The Emira is available in 2L Turbo and 3.5L Supercharged variants, with manual and automatic transmissions.

Lotus Engineering provides a comprehensive consultancy service, for many of the world's OEM and Tier 1 suppliers. It is internationally recognised for its long-standing contribution to ground-breaking automotive engineering and vehicle development.



A socially minded standard of behavior is expected from everyone within the motorsport community.

By participating in a Motorsport UK event in any capacity, you agree to follow the values of the Respect Code.

RESPECT
FAIR PLAY
INTEGRITY
SELF-CONTROL
GOOD MANNERS

I pledge to #RaceWithRespect and:

Contribute to a welcoming and friendly environment that ensures the safety and welfare of all participants.

Always behave with integrity and uphold fairness in the sport, playing a part in keeping the sport safe through my actions

Treat everyone with respect, regardless of their gender, ethnic or social background, language, religious beliefs, disability, gender identity or other status

Recognise that we all represent the sport and therefore have a duty to be polite and respectful to all staff, officials, fellow competitors, volunteers, as well as fans and supporters.

Respect the rules, regulations and authority of the officials and Motorsport UK.

Any breach of these obligations may result in disciplinary action.

[Motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect](https://motorsportuk.org/racewithrespect)
[#RaceWithRespect](https://twitter.com/RaceWithRespect)

Group Lotus strictly prohibits the use of stills cameras, on-board video cameras and smart phones in camera mode. We would appreciate the co-operation of all competitors and their support personnel to abide by that ruling to safeguard this venue for the future. Failure to comply will cause automatic exclusion from the event and venue. An appointed official photographer will publish photos online for competitors.

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SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. ANNOUNCEMENT: Herts County Auto & Aero Club will organise an Interclub Permit Sprint promoted by the Lotus Motor Club on Sunday 12th April 2026 at the Lotus Group Test Track at Hethel, Nr. Wymondham, Norfolk, NR14 8EZ.

2. THE MEETING: Will be held under the General Regulations of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA), these supplementary regulations, and any other written instructions that the organisers may issue for the event.

3. PERMIT: Motorsport UK Interclub Permit No: **206747**

4. PARTICIPANTS: The event is open to all fully elected members of the organising clubs, members of all clubs affiliated to the ACSMC, AEMC, ASEM & EMAMC regional associations, Hill Climb & Sprint Assn, plus members of these invited clubs: Anglia Motor Sport Club, BARC (Midlands), Brighton & Hove MC, Borough 19 MC, Classic Marques, 750 MC, Farnborough DMC, Harrow CC, Peterborough MC, Shenstone & DCC, Tunbridge Wells MC, TR Register, Woolbridge MC, Nottingham SCC, Ginetta OC, Austin Healey Club, Morgan Sports CC, RSSOC, VSCC, TVR & all Lotus car clubs.

5. CHAMPIONSHIPS: The event is a round of the following sprint championships:

New Hope AEMC & ASEM Speed Championship, ACSMC Sprint Championship, BARC Midlands, Borough 19 Speed, 7Oaks Speed League, TWMC All Circuits Sprint, Ginetta OC, MSCC, RSSOC Speed, TR Register, Lotus Cup UK Speed plus all Caterham & Lotus 7 Club Speed Championships.

6. LICENCES: All competitors must produce as a minimum an MSUK RS Interclub (Intro Class may use RS Clubman) valid Competition Licence (NCR 6.2. Chart2) plus a valid MSUK registered club membership card.

NOTE: Failure to produce licence (NCR 6.1 Art 12.2), 50% of licence fee capped at £120.

A properly completed and signed licence application form, together with the appropriate fee, may be accepted in lieu of a Competition Licence (NCR 1.2.1). Motorsport UK confirms that disqualification from holding or obtaining a driving licence under the Road Traffic Acts ('RTA') following conviction for offences under that legislation is incompatible with the holding of an ASN Competition Licence (NCR 2.6 Art 1.6e).

Admission is by a uniquely numbered pass only. This will be emailed to each competitor (together with final instructions), for printing or displaying on a smartphone at the entrance gate. If another pass is needed for a vital helper (e.g. starter battery person for single seaters), full details must be submitted ...so we can trace who is on site.

SIGNING ON and SCRUTINERING will be controlled in accordance with NCR regulations in force at the date of the event, which may be electronically before the event. All other NCR regulations of the MSUK apply as electronically written.

7. TIMETABLE: for the meeting will be:

06:30 hours, factory Gates Open.

07:00 hours, electronic signing-on, Scrutineering begins (*numerical order, in collecting area or bays for Class C&D*).

08:30 hours, drivers Briefing.

08:50 hours, marshals to be ready at their posts, with a radio check.

09:00 hours, practice Runs (one per driver) commence.

After the completion of practice, the **first** timed competition run will start.

After a lunch break, the **second, third and fourth** timed competition runs will start (time and weather permitting).

There may be further timed runs, which will not be scored if any drivers are unable to finish before 17:30 hours.

Competitors will be allowed to walk or pedal-cycle the course prior to 08:30 hours.

VENUE DAMAGE: *The competitor is responsible for full reimbursement of any costs incurred in repairing damage caused to the venue. For example, if you have a puncture or spillage anywhere on the tarmac, **DO NOT CONTINUE:** Please stop immediately for recovery. Offenders may be called to the Clerk of the Course and reported to Motorsport UK.*

8. CLASSES: will be as follows:

Class A: Standard Cars, Series Production Road Cars, Specialist Production Road Cars (NCR 14.4.13-23).
(excluding cars in Appendix 1)

1. 'Standard Cars' up to 1600cc, 2wd only, list 1a tyres only
2. 'Standard Cars' from 1601cc to 2000cc, 2wd only, list 1a tyres only
3. Up to 1600cc, 2wd only, list 1a or 1b tyres only
4. From 1601cc to 2300cc, 2wd only, list 1a or 1b tyres only
5. 2301cc and over, 2wd only, list 1a or 1b tyres only
6. 4-wheel drive cars of all capacities, list 1a or 1b tyres only

Road-Going Kit Type and Replica Cars (including cars in Appendix 1)

7. Up to 1800cc, excluding motorcycle-engined cars, list 1a or 1b tyres only
8. Over 1800cc, including motorcycle-engined cars, list 1a or 1b tyres only

Class B: Modified Series & Specialist Production Cars (NCR 14.4.24-30), Rally Cars conforming to NCR13.16 and NCR 13.17 plus Rallycross Cars & derivatives conforming to NCR 16A and 16 (excluding cars in Appendix 1)

9. Up to 1400cc
10. 1401cc to 2000cc
11. 2001cc and over

Kit Type and Replica Cars (including cars in Appendix 1)

12. Up to 2000cc
13. 2001cc and over, plus all motorcycle-engined cars

Class C: Sports Libre Cars (NCR 14.4.31)

14. Sports Libre Cars up to 1800cc, motorcycle-engined cars up to 1100cc
15. Sports Libre Cars over 1800cc, motorcycle-engined cars over 1100cc

Class D: Racing Cars (NCR 14.4.32-33) and Hill Climb Super Sports Cars (see Appendix 2)

16. Up to 1100cc, plus racing cars conforming to Formula Ford specifications
17. 1101cc and over

Class E: Electric Vehicles (NCR 14.7.1)

18. **All Electric:** propelled by one or more electric motors, with a collector charged from external electricity
19. **Hybrid:** with an internal combustion engine and an electric drivetrain, with on-board electrical charging

Class F: Marque Classes (Logbooks may be required to comply with Motorsport UK regulations)

20. Reliant Scimitar & Sabre Owners Club
21. Morgan Sports Car Club
22. Lotus Championship contenders: with appropriate sub-classes tba
23. TR Register

In the event of more than 6 entries, Marque classes may be formed at the Organiser's discretion

Class G: Allcomers (Any other vehicle: Logbooks may be required to comply with Motorsport UK NCRs)

Class In: Intro-Class (NCR 14.2. Art 1.12). RS Clubman licence. Run separately to other classes, using NCR 8.4. List A tyres

Class J: Junior Sprint (NCR 14.2. Art 1.9-10): RS Interclub licence. Standard Car 110bhp maximum in compliance with NCR 14.4. Art 13-16. The class will run separately to any other session.

Appendix 1: (Two-seater road-going kit-type and replica cars)

Caterham, Westfield, Sylva, Fisher, Lotus 7, Elise, Exige, 340R, Vauxhall 220, X-Bow and similar derivatives

Appendix 2: (Formula Ford racing cars using Kent, Zetec or Duratec engines). Must comply with the appropriate Formula Ford technical regulations approved by Motorsport UK for that particular car and year of production.

Cars must be taxed, insured and MOT tested (where necessary), and road legal in all respects. **Documentation must be supplied online to verify this.** Vehicles in Classes E or F that are not road legal (if allowed by the appropriate marque championship) will require a Motorsport UK Logbook. On-board cameras are forbidden.

9. ENGINES: Forced induction will be classified as a capacity increase of **40%** (**70%** for Standard Cars). Turbo **anti-lag** systems are not permitted. A **rotary** engine will be subject to a **50%** increase in capacity.

In the event of a dispute concerning the compliance of a vehicle to the regulations for the event, the onus will be on the competitor to prove the compliance to the organisers. Any vehicle may switch to Class G.

10. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS: All vehicles must comply with safety regulations NCR 14.4. Art 1 and 2 (regulations for Sprints & Hill Climbs) and the relevant sections of Ch 7 as referred to in Ch 14. Vehicles with electrical systems above **60V DC / 120V AC** must display a sign beside competition numbers and all batteries require "EC" markings (NCR 7.5.4).

11. COMPETITION CAR LOGBOOKS: will be required for all Hill Climb and Sprint cars unless the car is currently taxed and insured for use on the public highway and competing at the event in a road-going class (NCR 14.4.2).

12. SILENCERS: All vehicles including single seaters must be fitted with silencers at all times and these must reduce the noise produced to below the maximum quoted in NCR 7.13. An Environmental Scrutineer will attend and will test all vehicles at two-thirds maximum RPM - this will be carefully monitored. Any car exceeding the noise limits (including random drive-by tests) will be excluded.

13. COMPETITION NUMBERS: Vehicles will be identified by competition numbers seeded by the organisers and confirmed in the final instructions. Numbers must be displayed in a durable manner and be black, of a minimum size of 23cm high with stroke width of a minimum of 3.8cm on a white background measuring not less than 48cm x 33cm which must extend at least 5cm beyond the outline of the numbers. Alternatively, the numbers may be displayed on a white circular background provided that the background extends at least 5cm beyond the outline of the numbers. They must be affixed to both sides of the car complying with NCR 7.10. Art 1.1-1.8. Numbers will NOT be available from the organisers. Any means of identifying individual cars during a competition MUST be removed at the end of the event (NCR 14.2.3.2).

14. TIMING: All vehicles must have a timing strut in accordance with NCR 14.4.11. The vertical timing strut should be mounted so that no other part of the vehicle may cut the beam first, even if the vehicle is not square to the line. **This is mandatory.**

15. STARTING: Cars will start singly when the preceding competitor has cleared the agreed safe point on the course. The starting signal will be a green light. Timing will be automatic and commence when the timing beam is cut. A competitor who makes a premature start or rolls forward into the timing beam will not be entitled to a re-run (unless the rear axle does not cross the start line). The start line marshals will not touch or hold any vehicle to prevent it creeping forward (it may however be rear chocked).

16. FINISH: Will be indicated by a 'FINISH' board. Timing stops when the finish light beam is cut. Competitors should slow to 10 mph ASAP after the finish ...and always travel under 10mph in the paddock area.

17. COURSE: The course is approximately 1.66 miles on smooth tarmac. Each driver will have one practice run and four timed competition runs. If circumstances prevent any drivers completing a third or fourth run, the awards will be based upon all the previously completed timed competition runs.

18. MARKERS: Times will incur a 5 second penalty for each course marker struck during a timed run (or carried forward into a re-run). No time will show for competitors taking the Wrong Route / Four Wheels Off.

19. JUDGES OF FACT: <i>Vehicle eligibility</i>	<i>Chief Scrutineer</i>
<i>Exceeding noise limit</i>	<i>Environmental Scrutineer</i>
<i>False Starts</i>	<i>Timekeepers and Start-line Marshals</i>
<i>Track limits/penalty markers</i>	<i>Chief at each marshal post</i>

20. Any changes in officials and identification of will be notified in the Final Instructions or Official Notice Board complying with NCR 12.3.2.4. Competitors are reminded that MSUK empowers the Clerk of the Course to authorise a Medical Officer to conduct spot checks on any driver/official/marshal to ascertain whether drugs or alcohol have been consumed.

21. Double Entries: At the discretion of the organizers, a driver can enter more than one car (NCR 14.2.5.1). A car may be entered twice by two different drivers (double drive), swapping safely in the paddock between the runs (NCR 14.2.5.2).

22. DRIVERS ATTIRE: Applicable MSUK approved Helmets, Overalls and Gloves must be worn by drivers while on track (see below). All items must be inspected & approved at scrutineering (NCR 9.3.9.0.3-12).

DRIVER ATTIRE	Standard Cars	Road Cars	Modified, Sports Libre and Racing Cars
HELMET	Mandatory (NCR9.0.7)	Mandatory (NCR9.0.7)	Mandatory (NCR9.0.7)
OVERALLS	Optional: but arms & legs must be covered	Required (NCR 9.0.3)	FIA 1986 Standard, 8856-2000 or 8856-2018
GLOVES/BOOTS (NCR 9.0.12)	Recommended	Recommended	Flame resistant required
FRONTAL HEAD RESTRAINT (FHR)	Recommended 4 point	Recommended 4 point	Required for 4,5 or 6 points

23. AWARDS: will be presented as follows:

Fastest Time of the Day	A Special Award
Fastest in each class	First Class Award (Not given if awarded FTD)
Second Fastest in each class (min. 5 cars).	Second Class Award
Third Fastest in each class (min. 7 cars).	Third Class Award
Spirit of the Event	A Special Award
Best Presented Car (Chosen by Scrutineers)	A Special Award

At the discretion of the organisers, a Special Award will be given to a HCAAC member for Best Performance and presented at the annual awards evening. All other awards must be collected at the end of the Meeting. Classes may be amalgamated at the discretion of the organisers; the minimum for each class is 3.

24. RESULTS: Individual times will be displayed live near the finish and provisional results will be published online throughout the day. Protests and appeals should be in accordance with NCR 6.1, 2.4, 2.9 and 2.10. Results will be published online during the event and remain on our Noticeboard: www.speedtiming.co.uk/HethelSprintApril2026

You agree that we may wish to publish your personal data as part of the event results. We may pass such information to Motorsport UK, national governing body and/or the FIA or any affiliated organisation for the purpose of insurance, safety, licences or combined with other events. Results include (but are not limited to) name, club affiliation, competition times, occupation and age category.

25. ENTRIES: The maximum is 110; the minimum is 50. Competitors should fully complete an online entry by mid-day Friday 3rd April 2026, here: <https://mtc1.uk/Entry/HethelSprint26/EntryForm.php>

26. ENTRY FEE: is £145.00 (HCAAC/LMC members £140.00) e-paid to Bank Sort Code 20-29-37 (Account No. 70460753) The online entry system will automatically give you a temporary admin number until the closing date, after which a seeded entry list will be published showing the competition number for sticking on your car. An email will automatically confirm if your entry has been received or needs more detail.

Any entries unable to be completed online should be sent to the event secretary:

Pete Walters, North Place, Aston, Hertfordshire, SG2 7EX. Tel: 07831-316236. Email: pete@3arc.com

Officials of the Meeting are:

Motorsport UK Steward	TBA	Chief Scrutineer	Kevin Peake
Event Stewards	Christine Sharp + TBA	Assistant Scrutineer	Kevin Knights
Event Secretary	Pete Walters	Environmental Scrutineer	David Barnes
Clerk of Course	Sarah Munns	Chief Timekeeper	John Sharp
Deputy CoC	Alan Barnard	Assistant Timekeeper	Simon Sharp
Deputy CoC	TBA	Chief Marshal	John Davie
Radio Control	Lucy Fryer	MSUK Rescue Unit	BRSCC Anglia
Safeguarding Officer	Evelyn Gibbs	Chief Medical Officer	TBA
Sustainability Officer	Mike Hurst	MSUK Recovery Unit	Tiger Recovery

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ENTRY FORM

Held under the National Competition Rules of Motorsport UK (incorporating the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the FIA) and the Supplementary Regulations.

ENTRANT: _____ Entrant's Licence No _____

DRIVER: Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Tel (inc dial code): (H) _____ (M) _____

Email (lower case): _____

CLUB: _____

COMP. LICENCE: Type _____ Number _____

CAR: Make _____ Model _____

Colour _____ Engine capacity _____ cc (Add **S** = Supercharged or **T** = Turbo)

Specify fuel if not pump petrol _____ **Cameras:** Forbidden on drones, in-car or handheld.

CLASS ENTERED: _____ Vehicle registration number _____

CHAMPIONSHIPS: (Circle appropriate) AEMC/ASEMC, ACSMC, B19, 7Oaks, RSSOC, MSCC, TR, Lotus, Caterham

I have held a valid RTA (Driving) licence **YES / NO** (delete as appropriate)

SECOND DRIVER: (separate entry form required) _____

Please indicate which driver should run first

In Case of An Emergency Please Contact:

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address & Tel No _____

£145.00 (£140.00 HCAAC/LMC members) must be e-paid to Bank Sort Code 20-29-37 (Account No. 70460753) when we notify you and if you are unable to enter online, send this form to: Pete Walters, North Place, Aston, Hertfordshire, SG2 7EX. If you cannot e-Pay, cheques should be made payable to **Herts County Automobile and Aero Club Ltd.**

***** PLEASE SIGN AND DATE THE DECLARATION ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET *****

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DECLARATION OF INDEMNITY

"I declare that I have been given an opportunity to read the National Competition Rules of Motorsport UK and, if any, the Supplementary Regulations for this event and agree to be bound by them. I declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I am competent to do so. I acknowledge that I understand the nature and type of the competition and the potential risk inherent with motor sport and agree to accept that risk."

FOR DRIVERS

"I declare that to the best of my belief the driver(s) will possess the standard of competence necessary for an event of the type to which this entry relates and that the vehicle entered is suitable and roadworthy for the event having regard to the course and the speeds which will be reached."

"I understand that should I at the time of this event be suffering from any disability whether permanent or temporary which is likely to affect prejudicially my normal control of my vehicle, I may not take part unless I have declared such disability to Motorsport UK which has, following such declaration, issued a licence which permits me to do so."

Signature _____ Date _____ Age if under 18 _____

FOR PARENT OR GUARDIAN

"I declare that if I am the Parent/Guardian/Guarantor of the driver I understand that I shall have the right to be present during any procedure being carried out under the Supplementary Regulations issued for this event and the National Competition Rules of Motorsport UK. As the Parent/Guardian/Guarantor I confirm that I have acquainted myself with Motorsport UK National Competition Rules, agree to pay any appropriate charges and fees pursuant to those Regulations (to include any appendices thereto) and hereby agree to be bound by those Regulations and submit myself without reserve to the consequences resulting from those Regulations (and any subsequent alteration thereof). Further, I agree to pay as liquidated damages any fines imposed upon me up to the maxima set out in the Rules."

Note: Where the Parent/Guardian/Guarantor is not present there must be a representative who must produce a written and signed authorisation to so act from the Parent/Guardian/Guarantor as appropriate.

Full Name _____ Relationship: PARENT/ GUARDIAN
(delete as necessary)

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

Tel. (with dial code): (H) _____ (M) _____

Please cut along the dotted line, to return this form and retain pages 1 - 6. _____