

# TRACKSCENE..

**The national Stock Car racing season in Cornwall reaches its customary high profile climax today with one of my own favourite meetings. The BriSCA F2 Stock Cars will feature in a very special meeting – the richest Stock Car event in Cornwall this year. There will be able support from the non-contact Stock Rods and from the 2 Litre Old Skool National Bangers.**

It has been noted many times before, but the meeting for the BriSCA F2 Stock Cars today is a fantastic paradigm of the old adage 'something for everyone'. Up first at the start of the programme will be the Club 21 sponsored White & Yellow grade final, and this race alone boasts £350 of prize money, and new tyres valued in excess of £450. Across the BriSCA F2 nation, Autospeed have built a reputation which we are justly proud of, for looking after the low grade drivers. In 2013, when other promotions decided to trim back on prize money, we continued with the long established schedules. At every Autospeed meeting, there are Best In Grade awards. Regularly, we have offered bonus prizes – particularly for white tops, by way of a brand new tyre. Thanks to the mighty fine sponsorship from Silverline Taxis, twice this year at St Day the white tops have received what effectively equates to old fashioned 'Start Money'.

The foundation for the White & Yellow grade final is that any driver who has scored points at St Day this year, whilst racing from the white and yellow grade, has qualified for the race, although any driver who has reached the star grade this season is then classed as ineligible. In many respects, the White & Yellow grade final is considered a stepping stone towards further progress in the sport, and having won the corresponding event last year (and the twin race at Smeatharpe in 2014), 575 Tom Clark has certainly made good strides forward, reaching the star grade this season for the very first time. The expected grid for today's highly prized race does look to provide us with a wide-open contest.

Moving into the rest of the meeting, the attention will soon shift to the feature final, when tradition will be maintained, with £500 of extra prize money up for grabs by way of £25 per lap leader. This has become a long standing custom on the Old Motor Cycle Club Trophy race. Lead four laps, and there is a cool £100! Win the race, as 676 Neil Hooper did twelve months ago, and get your hands on one of the sport's all-time great trophies.

As if that was not enough, the feature final will also determine the outcome of the All Saints series. At the top of the All Saints chart sits 828 Julian Coombes, who has 18 lead laps to his name for this season. Behind him sit 7 Gordon Moodie (16 laps), 575 Tom Clark (14 laps), 302 Dale Moon and 468 Sam Weston (each on 12 laps) and 126 Jamie Avery (10 laps). It's all nicely poised, with just the 20 laps of today's feature final to be run.

The Track Championship is also still to be decided. The current standings of 605 Liam Rowe on 117 points, Dale Moon on 103 points and Neil Hooper on 99 points suggest a close finish is possible, too.

It has been quite a break since the 2 Litre Old Skool National Bangers last raced, and even longer since they were here at St Day. That was in late May, on the occasion of the first ever Truck Racing event. There were plentiful numbers that afternoon, and we are hoping for more of the same this time around. In the wider scheme of things, today's meeting marks round five of their Supreme Championship series as sponsored by [www.scrapvehicleremoval.co.uk](http://www.scrapvehicleremoval.co.uk)

The make up of today's meeting will see drivers race in the heats and the final, and these races will be of the 'nudge and spin' variety, with no follow-ins permitted, and no attacking of stationary cars. Slightly differently to other 2 Litre Old Skool meetings, there will not be an Alcomers race today, but instead, there will be a Chained Pairs race to conclude the afternoon. Just two weeks ago at Smeatharpe, we enjoyed a terrific Chained Pairs race from the Bangers, where the outcome was resolved only metres from the finishing line on the last lap; let's hope for similar entertainment today.

Most of the top names in the 2 Litre Old Skool Bangers are due to be with us this afternoon, including 246 Ryan Sparks and 372 Jay Matthews; Supreme Champion 910 Katie Dawe; and teenager, 27 Kieren Bradford, who has very much made his presence felt since joining the class early season.

Three more drivers boasting an ever-present record in the 2 Litre Old Skool Bangers this season: 47 Marcus A'Lee, 333 Craig Partridge and 912 Simon Rees, are all expected in action, too.

In what looks like being a relatively busy end to their season, the Stock Rods complete the line-up today. Much time has passed since they last raced here at St Day, although that period of the season has proven to be a very productive one for Points Champion 776 Simon Jones. Underlining his superiority this season, Jones stormed to the National Championship at Smeatharpe in July. Last month, again at Smeatharpe, Jones successfully retained the West of England Championship, and in so doing, he put the seal on the Autospeed Points Championship for a second successive year.

In the West of England title race, 26 Alan Furse drove magnificently for second place. Despite immense and intense pressure from a pack of drivers behind him, he gallantly held the inside line, and refused to yield. If ever there was a demonstration of how to hold a clear line, that was it.

836 Adam Oldham is an addition to the ranks today, as he plans to make a Stock Rod debut, using the Nova which was last raced by Greg Radmore.

There is one more race meeting with Autospeed this month, and that comes up next Sunday at Smeatharpe. Quite a line-up awaits with the BriSCA F2 Stock Cars chasing The Ladies Trophy in their final south west appearance of the season. Similarly, the Saloon Stock Cars will race in the westcountry for the last time in 2015. The 2 Litre Old Skool Bangers are again on the programme, and the day is concluded by the youngsters in the Ministox.

Roll forward to the start of next month, and we will be back here at St Day on Sunday 1 November. As has become traditional, the meeting will be headlined by the Grand National Championship for the Stock Rods and the Supreme Championship for the Bangers. There is also a final showing from the Ministox.

For further information, there are always many updates, of news, previews, reports and points charts, on the Autospeed website, [www.autospeed.co.uk](http://www.autospeed.co.uk).

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## Front Cover Captions

542 Steven Gilbert glances off the kerb on his way past 826 Chris Tuckfield  
The top three in the final – left to right – Wayne Belcher (runner-up), Greg Radmore  
(winner) and Chris Drake (third)  
Backward twist for 621 Scott Kendall