

N.S.C.C. ARCHIVES

Introduction :-

The Clubs' Archives (as they exist at present) are largely the domain of Mike Mayfield, the self appointed Club Archivist over the past 15 – 20 years.

Much of the material is derived from Mike's own personal collection of Race Programmes etc. gathered over the years 1972 to 79, when he was Chief Marshal and Race Official.

Other material, such as early Newsletters, photographs, articles etc. is what remained of the club's own records following the sale in November 1976 of the Club Offices at No. 7A Radcliffe Road, West Bridgford.

Much must have been destroyed on the numerous bonfires held at various Directors' homes!!

Contents of Archives :-

1. Race Programmes

Undoubtedly, the largest and most complete part of the Archive, from Mike's point of view, is the collection of Race Programmes spanning from Sept. 1949, the Club's first ever car race meeting at Langar Airfield, to the last ever NSCC meeting held at Croft in October 1979.

Within the collection are programmes for the 1st Mallory Park car meeting in 1956, the 1st Bank Holiday meetings at both Mallory & Silverstone and the inaugural meeting at the reopening of Donington Park in 1977.

Also included are 2 Bank Holiday Mondays at Aintree, a single outing to Thruxton, and a very early one-off at Oulton Park in 1955.

As extra information comes to light, so do further NSCC events not previously known about.

Mike has made his mission to collect programmes for all known

Club Race meetings from 1949 to October 1979, when the Club ceased promoting racing events.

2. Commemorative Mugs.

It had become the trend to give mugs to all Competitors, Marshals and Officials at our Sprint events at Thoresby Park each year.

This has been extended to now include Blyton Park, and to commemorate significant events such as Club Anniversaries, tributes to Dr. Raines and Roger Carrington.

Mike has amassed the definitive collection of all known mugs issued, including one of the original Thoresby Park track layout from around 1992–93.

3. Film Archives.

A considerable collection of early film material, in both 8 and 16 mm format, which has been transferred from “attic to attic” as Club officials have come & gone over the years.

The films are mainly of the very early days racing at Mallory Park, including uniquely the only Formula 1 race ever held at the circuit in May 1962.

The films were copied to Super VHS tape format by Bruce Widdowson in the late '70's, with the intention of them subsequently being transferred to DVD format.

It is felt that this is still a possibility, following which the original film material should be deposited with a national body, such as the Beaulieu Motor Museum for preservation and historical use by anyone in Motorsport.

There also exists a small number of VHS tapes & DVD's produced by Bruce to celebrate the Club's 50th Anniversary in 1998, as well as Mallory Parks' 50th year in 2006.

In addition, there is a cassette tape recording of an interview held on Radio Trent Live Sports Phone-in in October 1975, featuring the voices of Mike Mayfield, the late Ron Walker, and Ray Green, he of NZ fame these days.

4. Club Newsletters.

A sizeable collection of Club Newsletters, dating back to the late 1950's early 60's, under the original name of “The Bulletin”, through “Pit Stop”, right up to the last printed version of “Spin Off” produced by Paul Marvin in 2012.

5. Photographs

A small collection of photographs taken in the early days of Racing at Gamston Airfield, as well as Sprint events held at such locations as Rufford Abbey & Park. Further photos show various comers on the Silverstone Club Circuit during 1970's races.

One very rare & interesting photograph came to light a couple of years ago showing the Grid line up for the 1962 F1 race. From the programme it was possible to identify all of the drivers.

6. Posters.

A limited collection of posters, printed to promote Race Meetings, mainly in the late 1970's around the reopening of Donington Park in 1977.

7. Clothing, badges, stickers and other memorabilia.

Over the years various people from the Club's past have donated articles of interest, programmes etc. to add to Mike's own collection of badges, car stickers etc.

Some very old trophies, not suitable for modern day reuse are also stored.

8. Historical documents.

The Archive also contains records of early Minutes of Directors Board Meetings, Technical & Social Sub Committees and Marshalling records.

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