



For Immediate Release:

Entries Now Open for the Fourth Henry Surtees Foundation Brooklands Team Karting Challenge



Team entries are shaping up well for the hotly contested Henry Surtees Foundation Team Karting Challenge, which is taking place on Tuesday 30 June 2015. The event organised by John Surtees OBE, in co-operation with Brooklands Museum and Mercedes-Benz World will be staged once again at the iconic Mercedes-Benz World, Surrey and is free to spectate.

Each year the HSF Team Karting Challenge receives tremendous support from a host of star names from the world of motorsport, business and the entertainment industry and 2015 will be no exception. The action-packed day is a 'must do' event for all motorsport enthusiasts.

John Surtees OBE said "this year we have organised a 'special' vehicle demonstration during the interval. We are delighted to welcome Damon Hill OBE who will take to the circuit in the 1965 Tasman 2.5 litre Climax Lotus type 32B that Jim Clark won the Tasman Series with (Courtesy of Classic Team Lotus). Damon's parade laps will commemorate 50th anniversary of Jim Clark winning the second Formula One World Championship. Derek Bell MBE will also be reunited with the Surtees TS7 that he successfully raced for the team". John Surtees himself will drive the Surtees TS10 Formula 2 car that he won the Japanese Grand Prix and Imola Gold Cup in in 1972. Other formula cars will be driven by drivers to be announced.

John Surtees OBE said "There are still a limited number of places available for teams to participate in the HSF Team Karting Challenge. Why not put a team of four together and come and join us at Brooklands - the original home of motorsport,

where you will be able to enjoy the superb facilities of Mercedes-Benz World in the company of the Henry Surtees Foundation and our star guests”.

Racing starts with practice and qualifying. Teams will then have the opportunity to compete in a challenging 2 hour endurance race, where competitors battle it out in Daytona High-Performance two-stroke DMAX Birel Karts in the hope of securing the coveted 'H' trophy.

Aside from the karting action, spectators are able to explore the impressive Mercedes-Benz World visitor attraction featuring interactive displays, racing simulators and motorsport exhibits.

The HSF Team Karting Challenge event culminates in a prize giving Champagne reception courtesy of G H Mumm in the impressive state-of-the-art Mercedes-Benz World venue where the prestigious 'H' trophy is awarded to the 2015 karting champion.

The Champagne and canapé reception will be hosted by Steve Rider and feature interviews with racers and celebrity guest participants, plus an incredible fundraising auction hosted by Malcolm Barber of Bonhams featuring exclusive artwork, memorabilia and experiences. Guests will also have the opportunity to explore the fascinating exhibitions and get up close to legendary Mercedes-Benz vehicles. The reception is open to both competitors and non-racers (paid guests).

G.H. Mumm Champagne will, once again, be poured by generous arrangement with the House and Bernie Ecclestone.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Henry Surtees Foundation and Brooklands Museum Trust. Last year the event raised over £60,000.

Event Prices:

Brooklands Team Challenge: Teams are based on four competitors **£1,200 per team (including 4 tickets to Champagne and canapé reception)**

The Champagne and canapé reception: Additional Tickets are available to attend the reception, at cost of £65 per person.

To register your interest in entering a team or booking tickets for the Champagne reception, please contact: info@henrysurteesfoundation.com

Notes to editors:

The Henry Surtees Foundation: The Henry Surtees Foundation was inspired by motor sport legend John Surtees OBE, following the tragic death of his son Henry, killed aged just 18 years old whilst competing in Formula 2 race at Brands Hatch in 2009.

The Henry Surtees Foundation aims to raise funds to support accident care, with particular emphasis on head injuries, and help educate and train young people with motorsport-related programmes in technology, engineering and road safety instruction for two and four wheels. The worthwhile causes supported by the Henry Surtees Foundation include the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Trust and Great North Air Ambulance, and its regional Blood Bike groups.

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Brooklands:

BROOKLANDS - the world's first purpose-built motor racing circuit, constructed at Weybridge, Surrey in 1907 - was more than a great sporting arena. Brooklands was the birthplace of British motorsport and aviation, home of Concorde and the site of many engineering and technological achievements throughout eight decades of the 20th century.

The Museum displays a wide range of Brooklands-related motoring and aviation exhibits ranging from giant racing cars, motorcycles and bicycles to an unparalleled collection of Hawker and Vickers/ BAC-built aircraft, including the Second World War Wellington Bomber, Viking, Varsity, Viscount, Vanguard, VC10, BAC One-Eleven and the only Concorde with public access in South East England.

Brooklands hold a wide range of special events, mainly on weekends and during school holidays. These include car club visits (often with Test Hill in action), Auto Italia Italian Car Day, The Brooklands Double Twelve Motorsport Festival, aviation events and car rides on weekdays during school holidays. Please visit their website for further details: www.brooklandsmuseum.com

Available for interview:

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