



January 2009 – Newsletter

Dear All,

Autosport International Show 2009

Fun Cup, once again, exhibited at the Autosport International Show, which took place on the 8th – 11th January, 2009.



2009 was the Fun Cup's eighth year at the Autosport International show and the busiest to date!



Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a successful show and worked on the stand. A special thank you goes to Ian Stalker of Norsound, who helped make it possible for us to attend this year's show.

Thank you also to, Dan Jones, Mark Hope, Steve Johansen, Neil Plimmer and Geoff Fawcett.

As a result of the Autosport show, Fun Cup was shown on the BBC News on Friday 9th January and also featured on Race TV. Please click on the links below to view the coverage.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/7821445.stm>

<http://www.race.tv/>

Fun Cup Introduces TDI Diesel Engine for 2009

New and exciting to the Fun Cup for 2009, is the introduction of the TDI engine. The turbocharged direct injection, more commonly known as the TDI, is a modern turbocharged diesel engine produced by Volkswagen.



For further information about the TDI, please visit the website www.funcup.co.uk.

To date, we have sold twelve TDI conversion kits and one new TDI car. Petrol and TDI cars will race together, but will be classed separately. There will be two separate prize giving podiums, one for the top three petrol cars and one for the top three TDI's.

2009 Calendar

Please see below the latest 2009 calendar, and note that the Anglesey date has changed. We are hoping that there will be no further amendments.

4th April 2009	Rockingham	6 Hrs
2nd May 2009	Snetterton	5 Hrs
13th June 2009	Brands Hatch	4 Hrs
11th/12th July 2009	Spa 25 Hour	25 Hrs
29th August 2009	Anglesey	6 Hrs
12th September 2009	Donington Park	7 Hrs
17th October 2009	Oulton Park	4 Hrs

2009 Track Days

Fun Cup will be attending a track day at Oulton Park on the 27th February. If you would like to test a Fun Cup car at this track day, please call me on 01538 306921.

We will also be booking more track days, so please keep checking the latest news section of the website www.funcup.co.uk for updates.

Drivers only need an ordinary driving licence to take part in the track days. No race licence is required. We can also provide a crash helmet and race overalls, if necessary.

2009 Fun Cup

For the 2009 Fun Cup season, we will be introducing a one-way radio system, which will allow the Clerk of the Course to communicate with drivers in the cars, at all times. He will be able to provide information for the drivers such as the safety car being deployed, pit window open and closed, 'stop and go' penalties etc.

The radio will be an inexpensive device for the teams and will, hopefully, increase safety and reduce unnecessary accidents when safety cars are on track. It will also be used to increase efficiency when cars are due to line up on the grid, as they will be called in grid order, via the radio system. Pit crew members can also use the device. On the whole, our aim is to improve the general safety of the races.

The one-way radio systems must be purchased from Fun Cup UK, to ensure that they comply with the correct frequency and licensing regulation agreements.

They will be in stock next week and added to the parts list on the website

Door Windows

In compliance with the MSA blue book. Section H, miscellaneous.

Both door windows need to be replaced with the new 4mm fire resistant lexan windows, which are now in stock. Please email paul@funcup.co.uk, to place your order.

Oil Catch Tanks

In compliance with the MSA blue book. Technical Regulations, item 116.

All oil catch tanks need to be replaced with the new **2 litre** capacity catch tanks. These will be in stock in the next few days. Again, please place your order by emailing paul@funcup.co.uk.

Team Sponsorship

If any teams need information to help them when approaching potential sponsors, please email me at roxie@funcup.co.uk. I

have TV viewing figures from 2008 and a comprehensive powerpoint presentation, detailing the many benefits that the series can offer a company, which teams may find useful.

Winter Fun Cup Series

We are considering a winter Fun Cup series. Initial thoughts are for three to four rounds, one hour races and a maximum of two drivers. Teams can even race with just one driver.

Obviously, a winter series is just an idea at the moment, but if you could please email your initial thoughts and whether or not it is something in which your teams would be interested. Any feedback would be appreciated and help us decide whether or not to look into it further.

Kindest regards

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Race Co-ordinator