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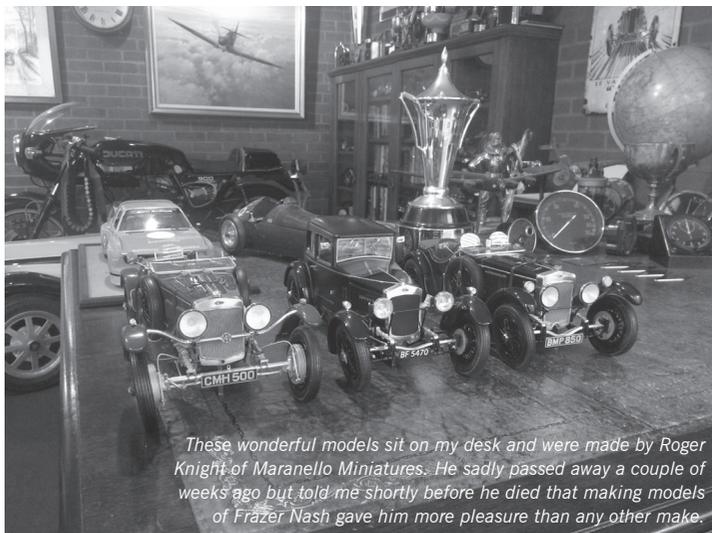
We have had a fantastic response to the Pre & Post war Frazer Nash race at Silverstone and have a full grid of 36 cars + reserves and 17 post war Frazer Nashes entered which is a record. All cars are under two litres but include AC and BMW engine cars and some single seaters. All the pre-war cars can run stripped. We want to create a cracking visual scene in the paddock and with probably over 50 comp cars in a small area there will be little room for anything other than just the race cars. BMS will also be on hand with lots of hardware and assistance if anyone needs help during the day. Visiting Nashes will have an exclusive area nearby in the vintage display paddock behind the BRDC – please use this area, not the main paddock. Do remember there will be an impromptu social at the Green Man on the A43 on Friday night.

BMS get involved with a huge range of cars and in recent years 8C Alfa has become somewhat of a speciality. Having already rebuilt, amongst others, the Chinetti/Etancilin 1935 Le Mans winner, we were chosen to bring a very special 'lost' Figoni bodied 8C back to life after 65 years of long term storage in a French barn. Having personally extracted the car from the fabulous oak framed 18C farm building, working out how to sympathetically rebuild the car was a huge but fascinating challenge. Our restoration expert Tudor Summers was given the overall reins and his dexterity in preserving untouched history was exemplary. Our engine expert Dave Harmer brought the previously un-rebuilt engine back to life with minimum loss of original components. One of the most astonishing aspects of this rebuild was the integrity of my 25 staff. It was made abundantly clear to me right from the start that if anyone found out about the car or information was leaked from within then I would have a serious problem on my hands. I have to say the cloak and dagger antics over the last couple of years have at times been extraordinary and the odd close shave has certainly kept us on our toes! Doing this project was my inspiration for buying the barn find TT Rep AMT414 and I think that after long deliberation this is going to get the same treatment i.e. a really sensitive and light mechanical rebuild but to leave the cosmetics, as far as we can, untouched.

The Goodwood Members meeting was another successful meeting for Frazer Nash, with Duncan Pittaway winning the brilliant S.F Edge Trophy in his Curtis GN after a race long battle with Majzub in the Sunbeam and Sielecki in the Land Speed Record Delage which we run. Martin Hunt also came 6th in his LMR KCD459 in the Peter Collings race and posted a brilliant 1.36 lap time in practice. I drove Martins Targa Florio and had a fantastic race long view of Martin sliding the Nash around with great style and confidence.

On another subject I feel it really important to make mention of my sister-in-law, Jo B-E's phenomenal performance in VSCC competitions last year. Jo is one of only 2 women to have won the Lycett Memorial and she has done it in some style. Back in 1992 I set the record to date for the most amount of points achieved for this trophy with 1037 points and through sheer commitment, Jo exceeded this with an amazing 1051 points. It is also the first time a husband / wife combination has won this trophy and to do it in successive years is a fabulous achievement and a huge credit to Simons preparation and hard work.

I look forward to seeing you all at VSCC April Silverstone for what will be a real milestone race for Frazer Nash.



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