



Attard shook down Stingray at Silverstone

EBREY

Goodwood

Sims, Attard in historic debut

BRITISH GT CHAMPION MARCO Attard and factory BMW driver Alexander Sims will share a Corvette Stingray in this year's Goodwood Members' Meeting. Attard purchased the car in 2014 and intended to enter last year's Revival but it clashed with the Donington Park British GT finale. He has now entered the Graham Hill Trophy at the March 11-22 event, which will be both drivers' historic race debuts.

"It's very different to driving a Z4," joked Attard, who shook down the car at Silverstone last week and also owns a Ford Lotus Cortina he hopes to run at Goodwood at some point.

"It's been one of those dreams. I'd love to do the Revival, we couldn't do it last year and can't this year, but the Members' Meeting should be great fun."

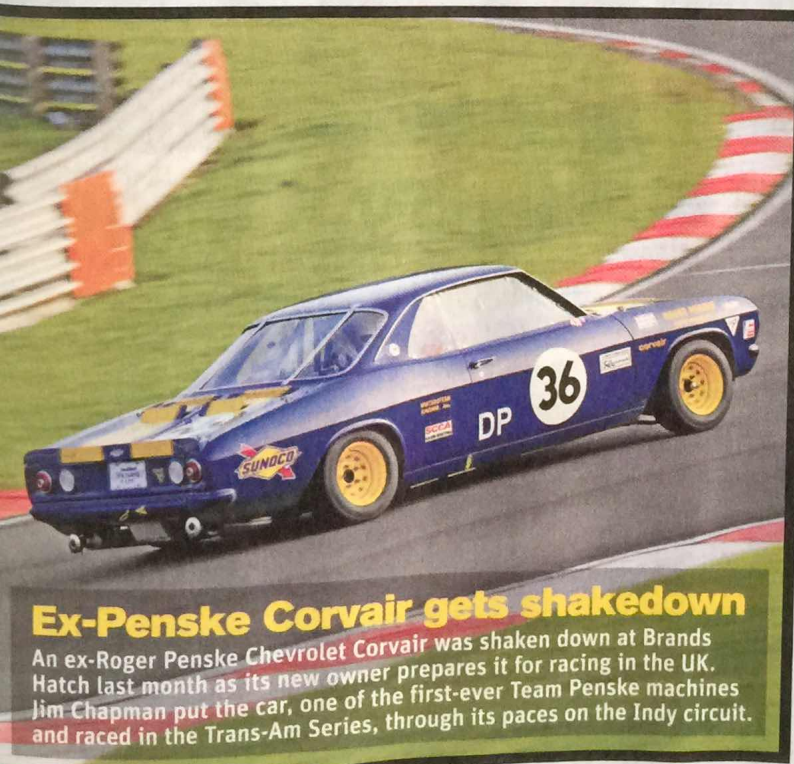
Former single-seater star Sims has limited experience in historic cars and

admitted he was "a little apprehensive".

"I've tested other cars and sometimes you do think, 'How did people race wheel-to-wheel in this?'"

"It will be a chilled-out weekend and a chance to experience something new."

British Touring Car race winner Mat Jackson (Triumph Dolomite) and 1992 BTCC champion Tim Harvey (Bizzarrini) will contest the Gerry Marshall and Graham Hill Trophies respectively.



Ex-Penske Corvair gets shakedown

An ex-Roger Penske Chevrolet Corvair was shaken down at Brands Hatch last month as its new owner prepares it for racing in the UK. Jim Chapman put the car, one of the first-ever Team Penske machines and raced in the Trans-Am Series, through its paces on the Indy circuit.

Ginetta Juniors

Zelos back for Junior title tilt

GINETTA JUNIOR FRONTRUNNER

Dan Zelos will return to the category this year after extending his deal with champion team JHR Developments.

Zelos scored two victories for the Derbyshire-based team last year in his rookie season, finishing fourth in the points, and now the 16-year-old is looking to build on his experience to become a regular race winner in his sophomore campaign.

"I'm a much stronger driver now than I was this time last year," said Zelos. "The experience that comes with being a second-year competitor can't be underestimated. I feel really comfortable and settled at JHR, and that means we can focus straight away on the job."

JHR team boss Steve Hunter said he expected Zelos to challenge for the title from the very first round.



In brief

NWSS mourns I

One of the BARC North V Sports Saloon Champions' strongest supporters died after a short illness. Cam F was a frontrunner since joining the championship in 2008 in h Westfield and, having returned the series last year after returning from health issues, was awarded the series' spirit award. Our condolences to his family.

Aussie ace to MG

Australian tin-top champion will compete in this year's MG series, taking over Chris Bray's winning ZR190. Hill travelled to Australia to compete at Silverstone in last year's MG Live event, finishing ninth, and is moving to the UK to pursue his ambition to race in British Touring Car Championship.

Barker gets Sacred

Former Porsche Carrera Cup driver Ben Barker will contest the E 12 Hours this month after stepping back from gourmet coffee roasting. Barker and New Zealand's Jono Lester are the first two drivers to benefit from personal support from the company, best known as the series' hospitality coffee provider.

New series for VW

A new race series for Volkswagen Group cars produced before 2000 has been launched within the British Touring Car Racing Club. The brainchild of long-time club racer Lark and serial VW racer Ian Freke, the VW Challenge will be a three-class series split by specification.

Century to GT Cup

Century Motorsport will field a pair of GT4-specification Ginetta G16s in this year's GT Cup. Team owner and long-time Ginetta racer Nat Freke will partner Steve Fresle in the car, with occasional British GT champion Ollie Hancock joining Russia's Rostislav Anakhayan in the sister machine.

Historics

Pinto-powered

Historic Sports 2000 gets Craft 1000