

Classic & Modern Motorsports Club Southern

2018 driver survey - results



64 drivers responded, all but 2 evidently from Modified Saloons or TinTops. That's about 75% of the drivers in those series that we polled, a similar figure to 750MC's survey take-up. We can therefore consider the poll to be valid and should influence management of the club.

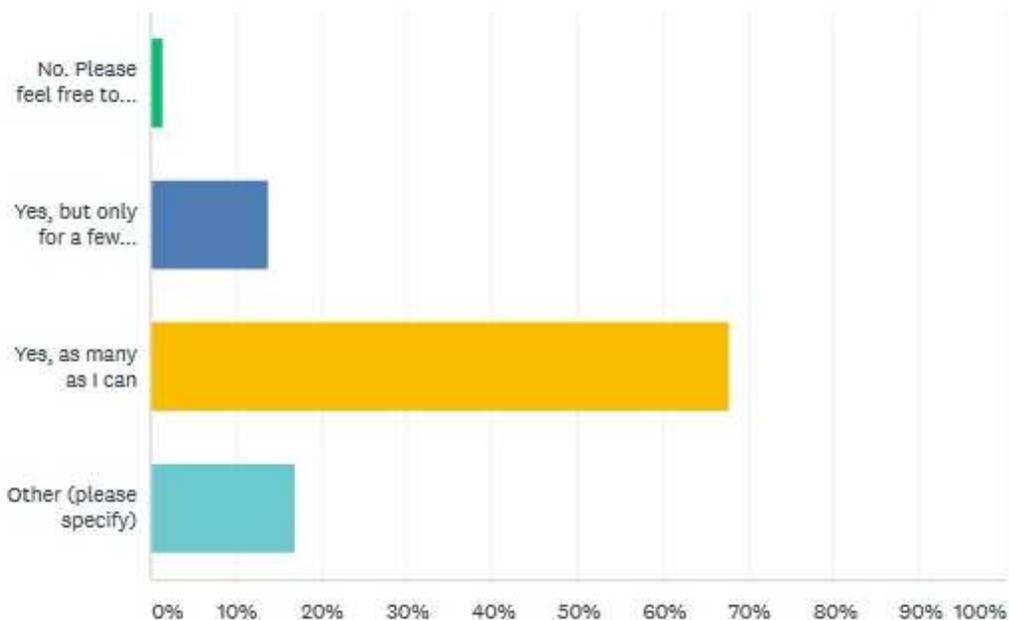
Q1 Your contact details please, name and email address as a minimum

100% of respondents gave their name
62 out of 64 gave their email address
58 out of 64 gave their phone number

Q2 Remind us about your relevant car please

39 out of 64 respondents race a front-engined hatchback

Q3 With the barely-changed regulations and stewardship by CMMC and your CMMS Southern committee, are you interested in racing with us in 2019?



68% said “yes, as many as I can”. Add in “yes but only a few” and that’s over 81.5% will race with CMMC in 2019.

Most of those who answered “other” are waiting for the regs to come out before deciding.

**Q4 With which other series do you race your car, in order of preference?
Could you please give examples of advantages and disadvantages of each.**

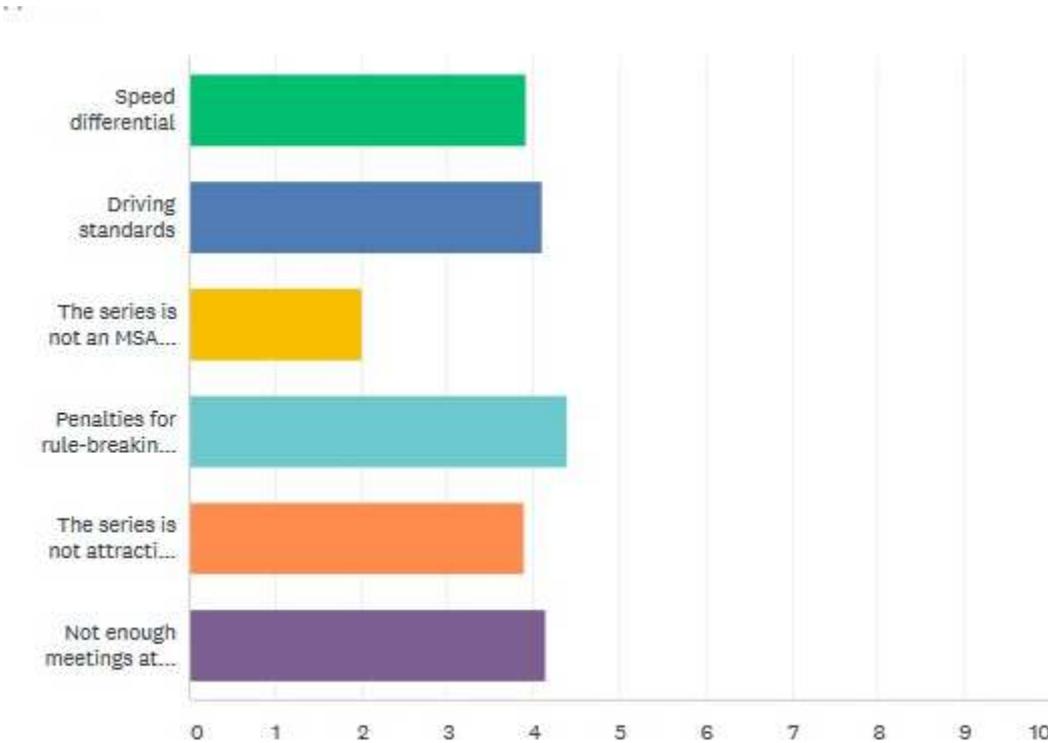
The only recurring series in then answers was the CSCC. Some interest in BARC SE, BARC saloons and Kumho BMW.

Q5 What are the circuits or events which really get you excited?

58 people answered but there was a wide variation of likes. The top ten were...

Brands	Brands GP	Snett-erton	Don-ington	Silver-stone	Lydden	Mallory	Spa	Oulton	Castle Combe
27	25	21	20	18	11	9	4	3	3

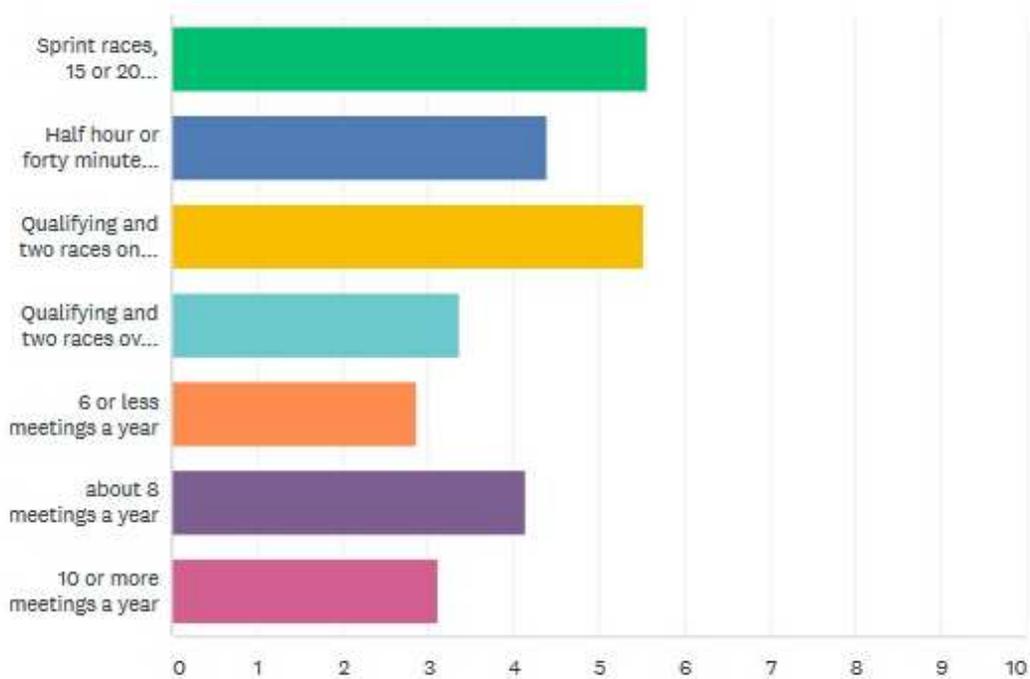
Q6 What criticisms might you have of our racing in 2018? Rank them from 1 to 5, 1 being the most serious and 5 the least serious.



Respondents judges all the options about the same on Survey Monkey’s scoring system, except “The series is not an MSA championship” which mattered only to about half those 62 that answered. But a look at the actual votes cast, a different picture emerges. Take the respondents who mentioned the problem as one of their top three concern (Column “top 3” below). Now 39 are worried that “Penalties for rule-breaking are not enforced by the Clerk of the Course” and 30 about driving standards. 29 think “The series is not attracting the right cars”

	1 –	2 –	3 –	top 3	4 –	5 –	6 –
Speed differential	10	7	9	26	7	12	0
Driving standards	13	10	7	30	9	11	0
The series is not an MSA championship	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Penalties for rule-breaking are not enforced by the Clerk of the Course	10	16	13	39	6	5	0
The series is not attracting the right cars	10	7	12	29	17	8	0
Not enough meetings at circuits other than Brands Hatch	15	10	11	36	4	14	0

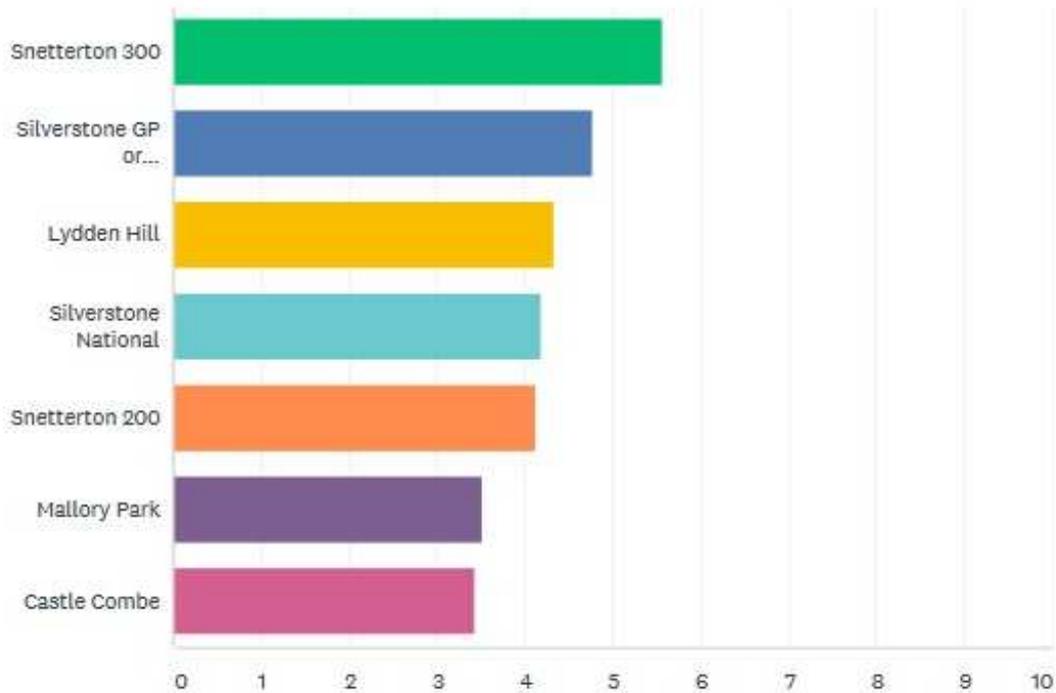
Q7 What format racing, race lengths, how many days in a meeting, how many meetings a year? Rank them from 1 to 7, 1 being the most important to you and 7 the least important.



As with Q6, the differences in opinion are wider when you look at the answers that people gave as one of their top 3 answers. People prefer quite clearly short races, everything on one day and about 8 meetings a year.

	1	2	3	top 3	4	5	6	7
Sprint races, 15 or 20 minutes	18	14	6	38	5	5	1	1
Half hour or forty minute races, one or two drivers, obligatory pit stop	6	10	8	24	10	4	4	5
Qualifying and two races on one day	18	8	10	36	3	5	1	1
Qualifying and two races over two days	1	5	4	10	14	6	3	11
6 or less meetings a year	3	1	5	9	5	12	13	12
about 8 meetings a year	9	9	7	25	8	7	11	5
10 or more meetings a year	6	5	6	17	3	6	10	19

Q8 Although many of our races are at Brands Hatch, there is enthusiasm for meetings at other circuits. To give us confidence in buying track time elsewhere please tell us whether you would race with us at the following circuits. Mark each one you will attend, rating your most definite "yes" as 1. If you are not certain to go there, don't rank it.



There's an even-looking bar chart, right? But when you look at the circuits that respondents put in their top 3, the results are even more skewed towards Snetterton 300 than the "score" bar chart. Lydden Hill drops to 4th place. The good news for the club is that if people enter races as they voted here then we would have grids of over 20 cars at all the circuit mentioned here except Castle Combe and Mallory Park. Even those two might get some pickup from drivers who have not responded to the survey.



	1 -	2 -	3 -	top 3	4 -	5 -	6 -	7 -
Snetterton 300	14	12	9	35	5	3	0	1
Silverstone GP or International Snetterton 200	13	10	3	26	7	5	2	6
Lydden Hill	3	9	13	25	4	7	6	5
Silverstone National	18	2	2	22	7	4	2	12
Castle Combe	4	7	9	20	8	7	7	2
Mallory Park	4	4	9	17	6	8	8	11
	6	2	5	13	7	7	12	6

Q9 Please give us any other feedback which you think might help us make the CMMC Southern race series the best. Your input will be kept anonymous, but do speak your mind now when it can still have some effect.

All the respondents gave written input which is useful for the new club. Two people could not fill this in because of problems when doing the survey on a phone. The top ten topics people raised are...

Rank	Number of Comments	Topic
1	10	Relax the rules, especially turbo restrictors
2	9	Driving standards; offenders must be penalised not warned
3	7	Keep it simple and fun
4	7	Don't change the rules every year. Give up-front notice
5	5	Handicapping (many in favour, but by different methods, including turbo restrictors)
6	3	Praise for the present team and "going in the right direction"
7	2	Don't mix Tin Tops and saloons
8	2	Grids too small
9	2	List 1B tyre
10	2	Police the parking in the paddock

Available data are 1) the online results from Survey Monkey (relayed into this document) and 2) Excel spreadsheet giving further detail of the preferences expressed.

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