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## CARRERA CUP GREAT BRITAIN

### Welcome

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Welcome to the second edition of the Porsche Carrera Cup GB news update for 2009. The new season is coming up fast and we are very pleased with the way that the Carrera Cup GB field is coming together. The arrival of JHR in the paddock is excellent news and comes as leading teams and drivers from 2008 are confirming their plans.

The next major date is Monday 16 March for the pre-season test and media day at Silverstone. I look forward to seeing you there.



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## JHR joins Carrera Cup GB

JHR, one of the most respected teams in the BTCC support race paddock, will enter the Porsche Carrera Cup GB this season with a two-car team for Robert Lawson and Derek Pierce.

JHR, created in the memory of the late Jamie Hunter and headed by his brother Steven, has an enviable record within the BTCC race package, having won seven championship titles in eight years. Now, the Derbyshire team is mounting a major challenge on the Carrera Cup GB.

The team can trace its roots to the 2001 season when Jamie raced in the Porsche Supercup and JHR was formed in 2002, with a long-term ambition of returning to the Grand Prix support race series. "Our aim has always been to get the team to the level where Jamie was racing," said Steven Hunter.

Already working within the JHR squad are people with Supercup experience, but Hunter does not under-estimate the challenge they face. "The Carrera Cup GB is a very professional series and our aim is to be as professional as the other teams. We're going in with our feet on the ground and will take one step at a time. We want to show our abilities in the Carrera Cup, with Supercup as our longer term aim for the future."

The JHR Carrera Cup squad will operate in parallel to the team's Renault Clio squad and Pierce will step up from racing Clios to make his Carrera Cup debut. The former Legends World Champion has plenty of rear-wheel drive experience and Hunter expects him to adapt well to the 911GT3 Cup car.

Lawson (31) will make the switch to rear-wheel drive for the first time in his short career, having raced Renault Clios in 2006 and 2007 and then SEATs in 2008.

"I'm exceptionally pleased with my deal with JHR to race the Porsche this year," said Lawson. "It's a fantastic championship and although I know it'll be a very tough challenge it's an incredibly exciting development for my racing career." Backing will come from Bardon Aggregates and Bardon Concrete.

"I thoroughly enjoyed driving the Porsche when I tested at Brands Hatch, it's a great

car. It'll be a big learning curve for me, but I had that switching from Clios to SEAT. This is my third season with JHR and I'm confident the team will do a great job, as they have for the past two years. The team has Porsche experience from the past and we're all very hungry to succeed. We're not underestimating how difficult it will be but we're aiming to move up the grid as quickly as we possibly can."

Lawson started racing in the Renault Clio Cup in 2006 and finished third overall in the 2007 championship before switching to the SEAT Cupra Championship for 2008 and finishing runner-up.

Pierce (42) is from West Kilbride in Ayrshire and started racing in 2000. After four very successful seasons in Legends, which included winning the Scottish title and finishing fourth in the British title, he graduated to the Clio Cup in 2007. "I can't wait to get out testing," said Pierce of his forthcoming season.



Robert Lawson, Steven Hunter and Derek Pierce

## Bridgman aiming for the title

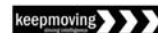
Tim Bridgman will return to the Porsche Carrera Cup GB for the coming season and is targeting the overall title after proving his pace in a debut season in last year in the 911GT3 Cup cars. Bridgman's announcement adds further quality to what is shaping up to be an excellent season for the Carrera Cup GB.

Bridgman will clearly be one of the leading contenders after confirming that he has signed for a second season with Team Parker Racing. Last year, Bridgman switched to the Carrera Cup from single-seaters and was immediately very quick, taking more race wins than any other driver, with seven victories across the 20-race season.

The 23 year-old racer from Essex knows that he must now add greater consistency to his speed in order to really challenge for the title. "I'm really looking forward to the new season and we certainly aim to not have as much inconsistency as last year," said Bridgman. "This is a serious crack at winning the title."

Having finished fourth in the 2008 championship, Bridgman will continue his relationship with Team Parker Racing. "I'm very happy to stay with TPR; I didn't need to look anywhere else. I just can't wait to get started." Backers for the campaign will include the CF Group and Carcarc Environmental Services.

Team boss Stuart Parker is delighted to confirm Bridgman as the latest signing for his four-car squad. "Tim's a true competitor and a very talented driver," said Parker. "We'll learn from the 2008 season and do the job 110% for him. We all want to go out and show what we can do."



## News in brief

Tim Harvey's 2008 Carrera Cup title victory was celebrated again in February at the BARC's annual big night out awards ceremony. Tim collected his trophy from Marion Barnaby as the organising club for the Carrera Cup marked all of its 2008 champions.



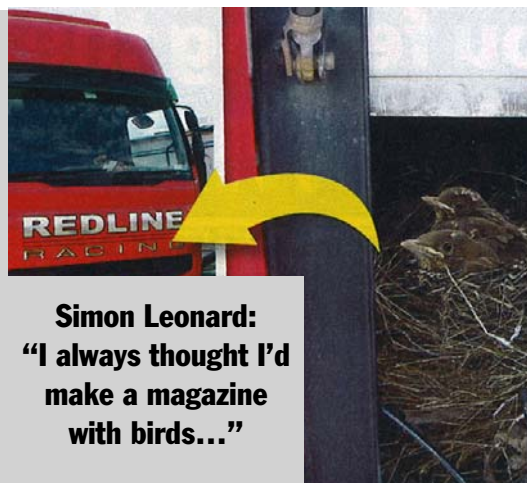
Marion Barnaby and Tim Harvey

While most of us have been enjoying a little bit of free time before the start of the new racing season, Carrera Cup Scholarship drivers Lewis Hopkins and Tim Bradshaw have been out getting very fit on a programme put together by the Human Performance team from the Porsche Driving Experience Centre. It was particularly tiring to read the schedule for their weekend of mountain bike riding in the mountains and forests of South Wales.

Carrera Cup newcomer John Quartermaine arrived at the Silverstone lunch with his arm in a sling after recent surgery on a shoulder injury. He's been told not to drive for a little

while, but plans to be fully fit in time for the test and media day at Silverstone and then the start of the racing season.

Red Line Racing has really hit the media big time after being featured in a recent issue of Chat Magazine. Quite how this came about remains a bit of a mystery, but the article quotes Alex as telling the story of the team truck driving from their base 'oop' north to Snetterton with a bird's nest in the engine. "I always thought I'd make a magazine with birds, but I didn't know they would be the feathered kind," said team boss Simon Leonard.



**Simon Leonard:**  
**"I always thought I'd make a magazine with birds..."**

## Carrera Cup test for Caterham champion

The winner of the 2009 Caterham Super-light R400 Championship will win a test in a Porsche 911GT3 Cup car as a result of a unique tie-up between Caterham Motorsport and Porsche Carrera Cup GB team champions, Team Parker Racing.

The pace-setting Carrera Cup team will run the test at Silverstone, home of the Porsche Driving Experience Centre. "We've taken drivers such as Barry Horne straight from Caterham racing to championship victory in the Carrera Cup GB," said team boss Stuart Parker. "The racecraft and car control skills that develop exceptionally quickly behind the wheel of a Caterham are the perfect grounding for a potential Porsche driver."

Simon Lambert, Caterham's Motorsport Manager explained the logic behind the new relationship. "In addition to those that race Caterhams for pleasure, the five championship steps of our 'racing ladder' are ideally suited to aspiring career drivers looking to progress into sports car racing. It will benefit us and our drivers to have a clear vision of the best way forward, and the Carrera Cup GB is undeniably the most logical step."

One of the two winners of this year's £50,000 Carrera Cup GB Scholarship Programme is former Caterham Roadsport-A front-runner Lewis Hopkins. He will join former Caterham R400 racer Ollie Jackson on the Carrera Cup grid in 2009.

## Meet the team lunch is a hit

The first 'meet the team' lunch for teams and drivers in the Carrera Cup GB was a real hit recently when over 50 people visited the Porsche Driving Experience Centre at Silverstone.

The lunch was arranged to give newcomers to the championship the chance to meet the team behind the championship as well as get to know other teams and drivers ahead of the start of the season.

In a relaxed atmosphere over lunch, the team behind the Carrera Cup had the chance to get to know the new faces that will soon be a regular feature of the 2009 season and, judging by the response from those present, the idea worked very well.

It also gave many people from the Carrera Cup their first chance to see the superb Driving Experience Centre.



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