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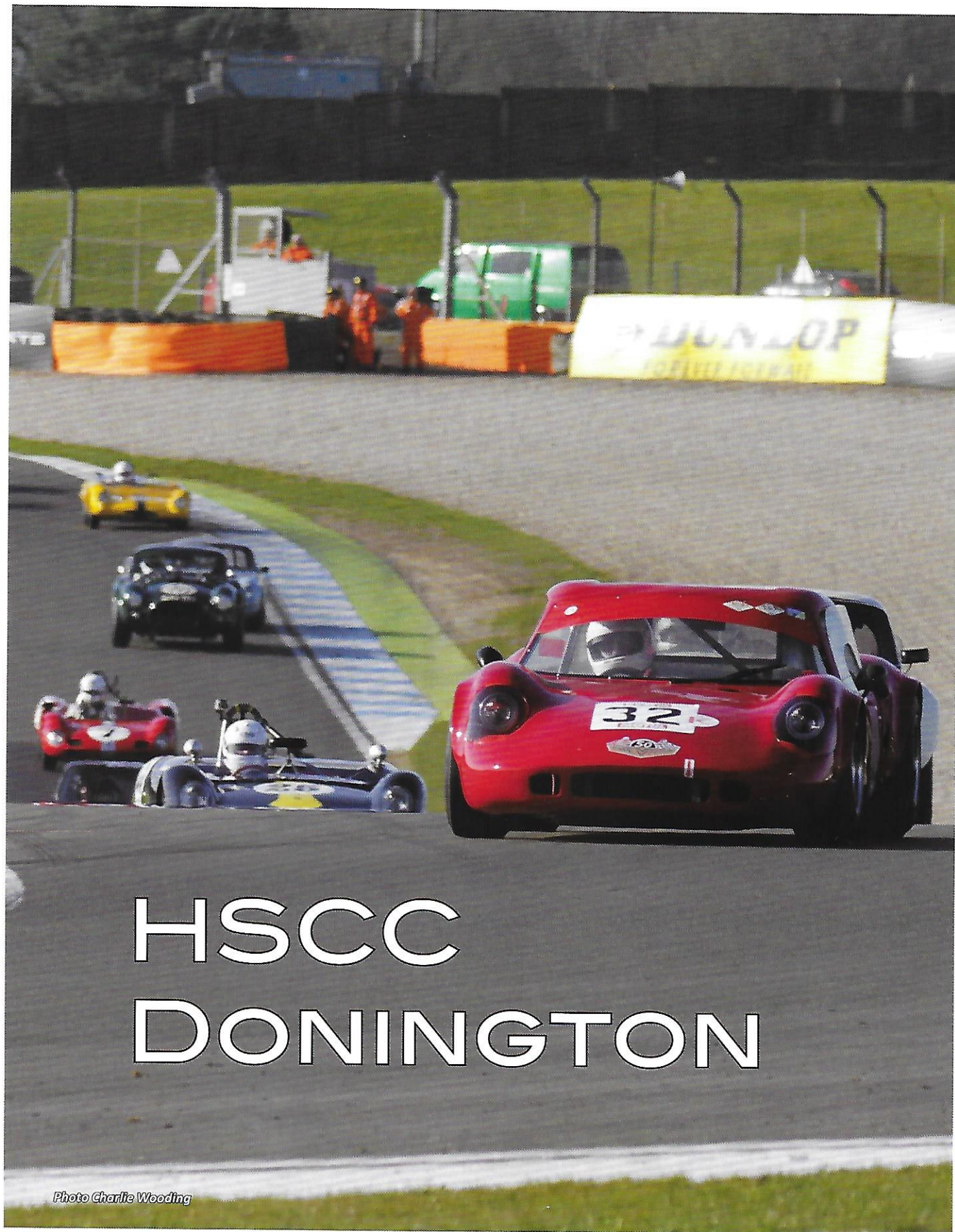


Photo Charlie Wooding

From Bologna to San Luca

Only For The Brave

With renovation works being carried out over the last two years on Bologna's historic Portico del Dotti, the historic Bologna San Luca hillclimb did not run in 2015 or 2016, but it was back this year to host an entry of some 70 cars to run, at 1800metres, the shortest historic hillclimb in Europe. First run in 1956, the Bologna San Luca was revived by Francesco Amante in 2004 and is more than just a competition: It is a weekend of festivities and friendship centred in Bologna. The course runs from Arco del Meloncello to the Basilica di San Luca along the historic Dotti arcades, built 300 years ago to protect pilgrims going to the Basilica from sun and rain.

This year's winner under brilliant sunshine and overlooked by a crowd of thousands of enthusiastic Bolognese, was hillclimb specialist Antonio Angiolani driving a March 783 Formula 3, who did the climb in 3'05"33 at an average speed of 104.09kph, a feat on the twisty course that requires real commitment. He was followed by Giuliano Palmieri with his De Tomaso Pantera and Mario Sala in his Porsche 906. Austrian Harald Mossler was fourth in a Styr Puch Bergspyder, all four also winning their respective classes.

The Porsche 906 of third placed Mario Sala



Antonio Angiolani in his March 783 F3 car was fastest on accumulated time over three runs, but also fastest on each individual run Photos Lorenzo Moro



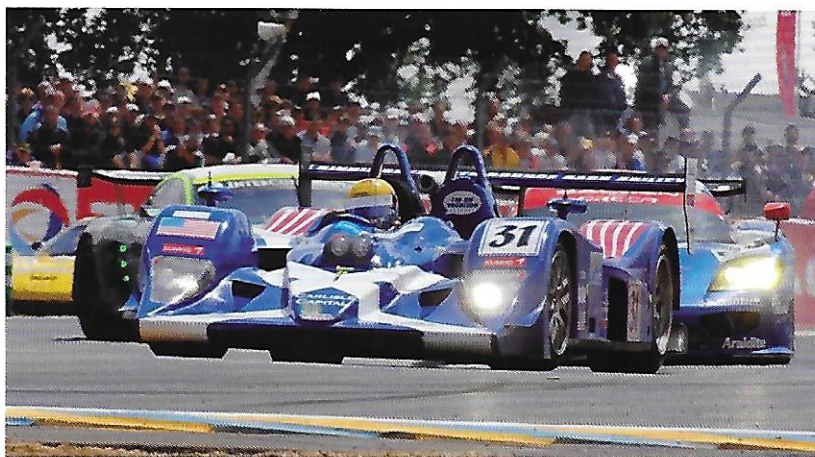
Masters Go Modern

Promoter of the FIA Historic Formula One Championship, Masters Historic Racing will launch a new series for Le Mans cars built from 1995 to 2011. The series will begin in 2018 but a pilot race will be run at Spa-Francorchamps in September at the Spa Six Hours meeting.

Sports-racing cars from the International Sports Racing Series, the FIA Sports Car Championship, European Le Mans Series, American Le Mans Series, Intercontinental Le Mans Cup and Le Mans Endurance Series will be eligible, from the earlier SR1 and SR2 regulations to the subsequent LMP1 and LMP2 classes. Regulations will mirror those used in period and there will be many classes to race for.

The series director will be sports car racer Nicolas Minassian, whose name is synonymous with these cars. "I am delighted to work with Masters Historic Racing on this new initiative," he said. "These are superb cars which captured the hearts of the fans and the drivers and with them being recent cars, they are fresh in people's minds."

"I have been looking at the bigger picture and what will be the next era of historic racing for a long time and we feel that this is the perfect series," said Masters founder Ron Maydon.



LMP2 sports cars will be amongst the cars that the Masters hope to attract with the new series