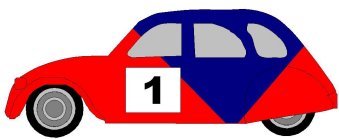


2013 2CV Racing Season Preview with Richard Hollis

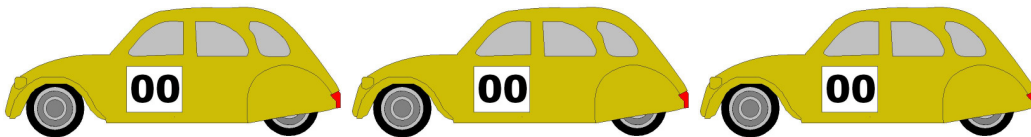
The 2013 2CVParts.com Championship is gearing up to be an all action affair with exciting circuits and potential big grids! Here is my quick guide to who's out and where we are heading in 2013.

- Donington Park - After a few years absence from this circuit the 2CVs will once again be piling down the Craner Curves but this time on TV.
- Croft - The 2CVs head north to this popular fast flat circuit. The 2012 race proved very eventful and this year's event will probably provide much of the same high speed action.
- Mallory Park - TV cameras are out in force again to capture 2CVs slip-streaming at 80mph. It's a non-championship round but is still likely to be very hotly contested as the driver's compete for their moment of glory!
- Silverstone - A vast track that surprisingly always throws up a good close race, plus there's the fame of saying you raced and/or won at Silverstone!
- Brands Hatch - It's also been a few years since this circuit saw a 2CV on it. The undulating track means thrills and spills for spectators and drivers alike!
- Snetterton 24hr - The jewel in the crown of 2CV racing. The championship can often come down to this race and with 24 hours of flat out driving literally anything can happen - just think back to last year's flooding!

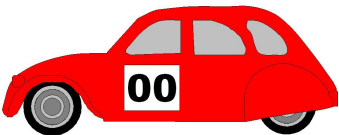
The possible runners and riders are shown below (take it all with a pinch of salt, as the background research for this article has been limited!).



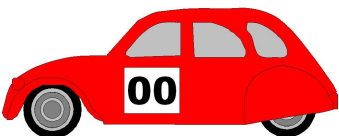
Alec Graham, UK 2CV Racing Champion 2012, will be back with an aim to retain the crown for another year. Expect more determined drives from Mr Consistent.



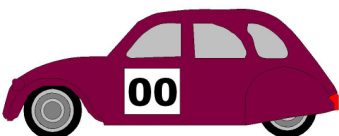
Wayne Cowling will be leading the Gadget Team Championship Challenge once more, with expected support from Simon Clarke, Lien Davies, Peter Rundle and maybe Ainslie Bousfield and Steve Panas?



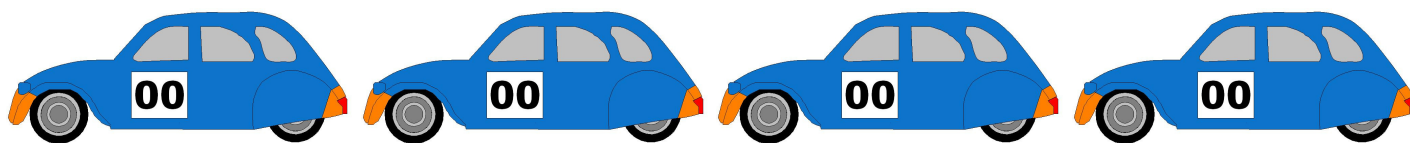
Sandro Proietti and multiple 2CV Champion Phil Myatt are likely to pair up again and have their sights on the title!



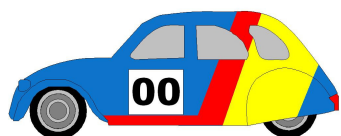
Tete Rouge is likely to run a car so Sammie Fritchley should line up at the start and maybe a driver from the Tony Robinson camp.



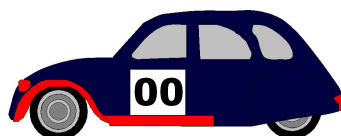
Maybe no Nick Paton this year unfortunately but rumour has that Christer Hallgren could be continuing his jet-set racing in the purple Whitwell machine.



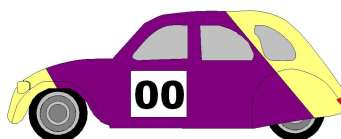
Hollis Motorsport will be fielding their orange and blue machines with Matt looking to lead the Solex charge against the all-conquering Weber carb machines. Nigel takes on his 2nd full season and aims to move further up the field. Frank Barnard returns after two seasons away and will be driving Richard's normal racer. That leaves Richard in the 4th Hollis car (although he hasn't built it yet!) so he'll be fighting from the back for sure!



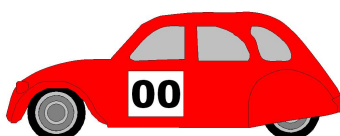
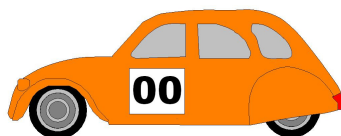
Mike Fox showed amazing speed last season and looks set to mix it up front again this year!



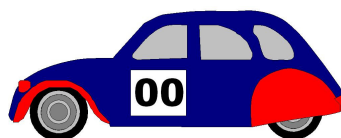
Rookie Champion James Northfield looks set to return and use his karting skills to push to the front this year.



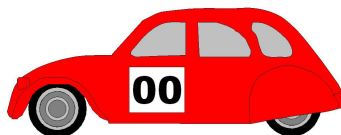
Glenn Oswin must be hoping for better luck in 2013 and if he gets it, watch out for the former ECAS car running Top 10!



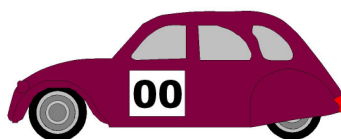
Father and Daughter team of Mick and Katy Storey aim to once again field two cars and with significant pre-season developments, they could both be setting the pace!



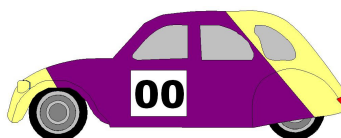
Multiple 2CV Champion Pete Sparrow will be looking to be in contention for another title as he is rumoured to be lining up for all the races in Martin Harrold's Fine Print car. If Mallory Park 2012 was anything to go by, we may only be seeing the back of this 2CV!



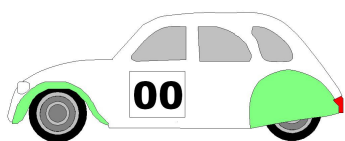
Julie and Steve Walford turned out an impressively prepared 2CV in 2012. Steve will be back and pushing the front running Solex powered cars, this time with last year's mechanic and 24hr driver Nick Clarke.



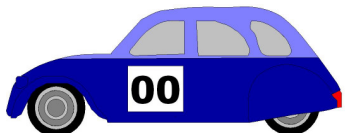
Mission Motorsport loved the 2CV 24hr so much they have bought Nick Paton's old car and will be out to prove they are very much a force to be reckoned with.



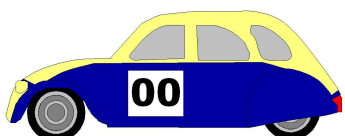
Caryl Wills has signed up for the whole season in another of the former ECAS cars. After a few sprints last year and the 24hr with Crisis Motorsport, Caryl will be hoping to continue challenging for good results in 2013.



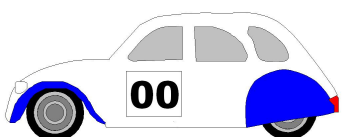
Adam Bollons had so much bad luck with his car last year that surely only good luck can prevail for 2013! He's not a definite for the season though at the moment, so fingers crossed he does the right thing and signs up for another go at the championship.



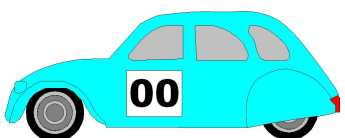
Muppets in Motion are back for sure. 2012 saw some great racing and lots of laughs from Nick Crispin, Marc Nordon and David Watson. I guess 2013 will be much the same!



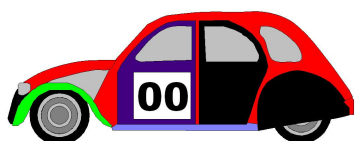
Nick Roads will be bringing the Crisis Motorsport team back to the track for 3 of the 4 rounds and the 24hr - so a Championship title is unlikely with the dropped races but not impossible!



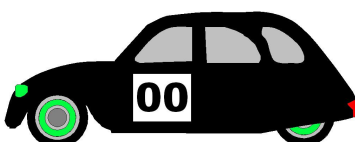
Basingstoke College Of Technology (BCOT) rolled their car in the 24hr race so the students are hard at work building a new car for 2013 under the watchful eye of Andy Chirwell. Expect to see college principal Anthony Bravo behind the wheel along with student drivers like Dan Wilmott and Robert Lewis.



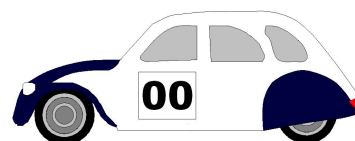
After a season off in Africa, Simon Crook is returning to hopefully pick up where he left off in the Team Lumaca car.



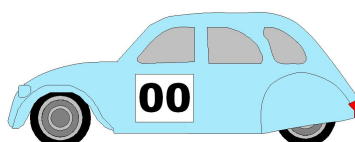
After a season off in Scotland, Derek Coghill is returning to hopefully pick up where he left off in the most colourful car in the Championship.



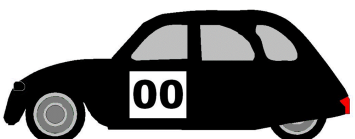
Team Stinky always races the 24hr event and they always do well. The odd appearance in the sprint races normally happens too with good results. Expect to see Christine behind the wheel at some point this year.



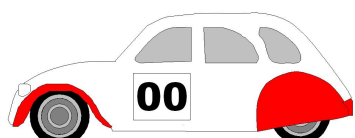
2CV racing veteran Peter Dalkin could be out in 2013. If he is you won't miss him and his flat out driving style!



Speedy Steve Jaques will be out for the season teaming up with 24hr 2cv racer Richard Lambert.



Series veteran Jon Davis will be competing in half of the season, at Donington, Croft and Mallory. Expect to see some sideways moments!



The Green Electrician car will be out for the full Championship, and could be a dark horse for victories. With a multitude of drivers to choose from, expect it to feature near the front.