



Southern '100'



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**Southern '100' Champions
2015**



Guy Martin

Sidecar Champions Ready to Renew Rivalry



**Tim Reeves & Mark Wilkes
2015 Sidecar Champions
(Peter Bull)**



**Tim Reeves & Mark Wilkes
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The current Southern 100 Sidecar Championship driver, Tim Reeves returns to the Billown Course to defend his Championship Title, this time with regular passenger, Patrick Farrance back in the chair.

However, the two-time Southern 100 Champion will not find an easy-option in retaining his title as he will be up against no less than four other Sidecar Championship winners!

Most recent, the 2012 winners, brothers Ben & Tom Birchall are presently enjoying their 2016 season, winning the Sidecar TT Race B and enjoying a commanding lead in the World F2 Trophy Championship.

Both crews will have to contend with 6-time Southern 100 Sidecar Champion, Dave Molyneux, who has Dan Sayle in the chair, although this 'pairing' have yet to win the coveted title together!

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'The Friendly Meetings'

Add into the mix another 'veteran' and past Championship winner, Greg Lambert with Kenny Cole as 'ballast' and fans of the spectacular three-wheelers are ensured of some close racing around the 4.25-mile Billown Course on Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon.

Apart from the reigning and former champions, the quality of the entry is as regular supporters of the Southern 100 International Road Races have come to expect over the 60 years the event has been running.

Doug Chandler from Knaresborough with local passenger, Julie Canipa, along with John Chandler with an as to be named passenger will certainly be up with the front-runners, as will local crews Karl Bennett and Lee Cain, who were fourth in the Sidecar TT race B.

Tony Baker and Shelly Smithies, along with Wayne Lockey and Mark Sayers and Brian Kelly and Jason O'Connor are also likely contenders to the Sidecar honours.

Practice and Qualification takes place on Monday and Tuesday evenings 11th & 12th July, with racing commencing on Tuesday evening with two races. Wednesday (13th) sees a further four races with Championship Day, Thursday 14th July will see no less than eight races being held, including the prestigious Manx Gas Solo & Sidecar Championship Races.

Further details can be found on the clubs official website: www.southern100.com and Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/S100Races>.

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