

2023 Award winner Adam Cameron's racing year

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In June of last year, without my knowing my employers had put me forward for the Simon Diffey Award. After being whittled down to the final 3 and having our interviews at the RAC Club in Epsom, Sarah rang me the following Friday to tell me I had won! I couldn't believe it.

What followed was one of, if not, the best year of my life. I was kitted out with all the racing gear and soon found myself being shown the ropes by my award mentor Will Nuthall at Donington Park, driving an MG TF courtesy of last year's winner Emilia and partner Eve. Will is a brilliant driver and also a very good teacher! Although he'd probably disagree. Following another trackday with Will and some pre ARDS test track time with Andy Dee Crown, I passed my ARDS test and now felt like the real deal. Nick Lyford very generously offered his MGA for me to race during the year, but however my first race at Snetterton was short lived after a trip over a sausage kerb cracked the sump. Nick being the person he is reassured me not to worry and that everything can be fixed.

Next on the calendar was a trip to the Monaco Historique GP with Will and his team at IN Racing to look after 10 cars and customers across the weekend. And what a great weekend it was! An experience I will never forget, being in Monte Carlo surrounded by amazing race cars is the boyhood dream. I loved every minute working with the team and watching the racing as well. Soon after was my secondment at Ecurie Bertelli working on pre-war Aston Martins with Rob Blakemore and his team. Everyone was great to work with and I learned lots about an era of car I had never worked on. In my final week, we drove a customer's car to Vila Real, Portugal for a race weekend which was another great experience I never thought I'd have.

The award year finished with my final race at Silverstone, friends, family, and award supporters in the stand cheering me on. The feeling of getting out on track full of confidence, getting in amongst other drivers and having some battles was better than I could have imagined. After getting out the car I've never had such a big smile on my face. During the year I have had some incredible experiences, made some great memories, lifelong stories and met some amazing people. Without these amazing people I would not have had the year I've had. Although it may be over, I'm looking forward to watch this wonderful award evolve and change the lives of many more young people.

Sarah, Will, Nick, Rob, Andy, Emilia & all of the Supporters, your kindness and generosity has meant more to me than you can imagine.

Thankyou

Best wishes,

Adam





Silverstone and Andy Dee-Crowne's generosity gifted Adam a track day in a nippy M2. Abbie Eaton, also on track that day gave Adam a spin around the circuit!

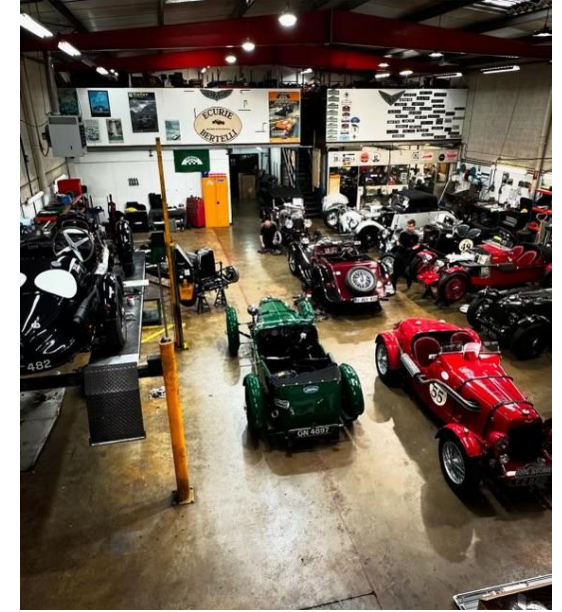


Secondment partner Ecurie Bertelli sent Adam on an International trip taking LMP4 to Portugal for a street circuit race with Darren Turner driving.



Mentor Will Nuthall went above and beyond as he invited Adam to be a part of team IN Racing at the ACM Monaco Historique.

The cruelty that is motor racing after Adam's sausage kerb sump moment.





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