

Tim Arnold

RACING DRIVER - MOTORSPORT & PERFORMANCE DRIVING INSTRUCTOR
ARDS /MSA GRADE A INSTRUCTOR

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ARDS / MSA Grade A Licenced Instructor

HISTORY

Tim Arnold's racing career began in 1976/77 & 1978 when he completed courses at the Jim Russell International Racing Drivers' Schools at Silverstone and Snetterton and initially raced in the school's own closed race meetings in their Formula Ford 1600 cars, winning the first race he ever took part in.

He was one of the many drivers whose careers were held back by lack of suitable budgets. He raced in Formula Ford 1600 from 1979 to 1983 in various hired and self-owned and run cars, but was never able to race frequently enough to win championships or make a real name in the sport. Arnold moved up to Formula Ford 2000 in 1986, still handicapped by lack of funding, but made an impression on one team owner and was offered a top drive in Formula 3, subject to budget. As ever budget was the stumbling block and the F3 drive never came to fruition (see the appraisal by Robert Synge below).

More recently (since the mid-90's) Tim Arnold has raced in various types of car from Formula Ford and Formula Renault single-seaters to saloon s, GT and Super Touring cars and Radical's in categories including Britcar, Britsports, Radical, FunCup and the Honda VTEC Challenge.



"In 1986 Tim Arnold completed a series of tests with my team, Madgwick Motorsport, with our Formula Ford 2000 Reynard. In agreement with my Chief Engineer I felt Tim had more than average natural talent and more promise than the Brazilian driver, Mauricio Sandro Sala, who we had run earlier in that season. On that basis I was pleased to offer Tim the opportunity to join our Formula 3 team subject to him bringing a fraction of the usual budget to the team... unfortunately he was unable to raise the funds needed." – Robert Synge, Madgwick Motorsport (Robert was the Managing Director of Madgwick Motorsport and went on to be Team Manager of BAR Honda F1 in 1999 and 2000 – which later became Brawn GP and then the current Mercedes F1).



INSTRUCTING & DRIVER COACHING

"Tim has been instructing for 25 years and has held an ARDS (Association of Racing Drivers' Schools) Instructor Licence since ARDS was formed in the early 1990's. He has a vast experience of instructing and driver coaching in a multitude of types of car.

He is one of the most experienced and senior ARDS Approved / MSA Recognised Instructors in the UK, holding a Grade A Instructor Licence.

AN APPRAISAL BY ANTHONY REID



"I have known Tim since we were at the Jim Russell Racing School together in 1977/8 and have since worked with him both with Chevron Racing cars and instructing on corporate events. His skills would be an asset to any GT racing team!" – Anthony Reid

DRIVER COACHING WITH VIDEO AND DATA



Tim uses Racelogic's proven and popular VideoVBOX GPS / video data-logging systems and Circuit Tools analysis software as one of his key driver development tools. He is also an **Authorised Dealer** for the VideoVBOX.



“With his 42 years of experience in racing, instructing and coaching in such a vast range of cars, yet with relative anonymity, Tim Arnold could be a dark horse in any championship...”

James Tucker - Britcar