

STRATA21 BCV8 Championship
Round 5,
MGCC Silverstone International
Saturday 14th June 2008

RACE REPORT,

PRACTICE

BCV8 practice started at 10.04 and ended at 10:21 in bright dry conditions with all 35 entries taking to the track. Roy McCarthy was first back with engine problems after just 1 lap which would end his day. Joe Parrington had teething problems with his new Class D car and pulled in after just two laps but Andrew Cooper worked his magic and Joe was able to make the race. Babak Farsain managed 3 laps before his engine started playing up and in spite of working hard throughout the rest of the day, Babak would also not make the race. Adrian Beer did just 3 laps before pulling off with an electrical problem which was soon fixed ready to take 3rd place on the grid later in the day. James Wheeler managed 4 laps but then had clutch problems and came in to try to sort them out ready for the race.

At the end of practice, John Wilson headed the field just under 1 second ahead of Paul Sibley both Class D. Martin Hall had secured pole for Class C ahead of Phil Walker with Peter Samuels piping Jonnie Wheeler to take Class B. Mike Harris in his FIA Class AB car took the class pole ahead of Bob Luff with Class A's Rob Muir comfortably ahead of Rob Croft.

Practice times issued by the MGCC at 10.30.

Class A Practice	Positions		
Driver	Class	Grid	Time
Rob Muir	1	26	1:51.319
Robert Croft	2	28	1:51.809
Terry Savory	3	30	1:54.122
Brian Smethurst	4	31	1:54.365
Ian Longhurst	5	32	1:56.604
David Smith	6	33	1:57.650

Class AB Practice	Positions		
Driver	Class	Grid	Time
Mike Harris	1	20	1:47.522
Bob Luff	2	25	1:50.818
Barry Sidery Smith	3	29	1:53.907

Class B Practice	Positions		
Driver	Class	Grid	Time
Peter Samuels	1	9	1:40.924
Jonnie Wheeler	2	11	1:41.846
Ian Prior	3	13	1:42.943
Brian Cakebread	4	14	1:44.149
Barry Holmes	5	15	1:44.375
John Hutson	6	16	1:44.739
Christina Totty	7	17	1:44.902
Kevin Swan	8	19	1:45.953
Simon Cripps	9	21	1:49.082
Richard McKoen	10	22	1:49.300
James Wheeler	11	23	1:49.307
Ron Moorcroft	12	24	1:50.661
Howard Grundon	13	27	1:51.450
Max Cawthorne	14	22	1:48.194
Mike Breedon	15	23	1:48.332
Paul Atkinson	16	24	1:48.562
David Hill	17	30	1:53.657
Babak Farsain	18	32	1:55.756

Class C Practice		Positions		
Driver	Class	Grid	Time	
Martin Hall	1	5	1:36.457	
Phil Walker	2	7	1:37.351	
Andrew Riley	3	8	1:38.478	

Class D Practice		Positions		
Driver	Class	Grid	Time	
John Wilson	1	1	1:30.251	
Paul Sibley	2	2	1:31.008	
Adrian Beer	3	3	1:35.833	
Joe Parrington	4	5	1:38.350	
Roy McCarthy	5	26	1:48.974	

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Overall and Class D.

After a close battle at the front between John Wilson and Adrian Beer, John managing to keep ahead and set fastest lap. Adrian tried a late challenge into the complex of Brooklands and Luffield on the last lap only to spin and leave John a clear run to the chequered flag. Adrian managed to recover and stay ahead of Paul Sibley with Joe Parrington completing full race distance to take fourth overall.

Class C

Martin Hall had a close battle with Phil Walker, Phil managing to set fastest class C lap but Martin managed to stay ahead to win class C. Andrew Riley kept a close eye on these two to take 3rd in class.

Class B

Peter Samuels just went for it in Class B!!! Jonnie Wheeler chased in vain and had to settle for 2nd in Class B on this occasion but Peter had just one thing on his mind, get to that chequered flag first, and he did! Barry Holmes chased these two in vain but kept a comfortable cushion to take 3rd in his V8 ahead of Ian Prior, Brian Cakebread and James Wheeler who had to work hard without a clutch. Behind was a close battle between the variety of cars in class B with MGB roadster, MGB GT and MGB GT V8's all fighting to finish. Christina Totty ran well in the early laps but a trip to the pits and back out again relegated her to an undeserved final position of 31st out of 31 finishers. Although the final result must have been disappointing I am sure Christina must have been satisfied with her first outing in the car and in BCV8.

Class AB

Mike Harris retained the advantage in Class AB to lead Bob Luff to the flag with Barry Sidery Smith on his welcome return to the BCV8 Championship 3rd in Class.

Class A.

The spectators were Robbed in Class A!! Rob Muir made a rare appearance due to other commitments in 2008 only to find that now Ken Deamer is no longer in this Class he has another challenger in Rob Croft with his MGB GT. Rob C gave Rob M a very close race throughout the 7 laps, both sharing the front until the very end with Rob Muir taking the flag for the Class win leaving Rob C well pleased with the result in spite of "only" being 2nd. Brian Smethurst got the better of Terry Savory for 3rd with Ian Longhurst and David Smith close behind.

An excellent BCV8 race with just an unfortunate Kevin Swan Class B MGB not finishing and all drivers seen wandering up to chat to their rivals and recount no end of stories as to what a great race they had had.

Class D	Best Lap
John Wilson	FL 1:30.979
Adrian Beer	1:31.143
Paul Sibley	1:32.866
Joe Parrington	1:36.655

Class C

Martin Hall		1:38.097
Phil Walker	FL	1:37.718
Andrew Riley		1:40.359

Class B

Peter Samuels	FL	1:41.757
Jonnie Wheeler		1:43.242
Barry Holmes		1:43.473
Ian Prior		1:44.361
Brian Cakebread		1:43.997
James Wheeler		1:45.709
Max Cawthorn		1:44.849
Simon Cripps		1:45.052
John Hutson		1:43.636
Richard McKoen		1:47.861
Howard Grundon		1:48.173
Paul Atkinson		1:48.411
Mike Breedon		1:47.296
David Hill		1:53.164
Christina Totty		1:49.397

Class AB

Mike Harris	FL	1:48.003
Bob Luff		1:47.427
Barry Sidery Smith		1:50.716

Class A

Rob Muir	FL	1:51.133
Robert Croft		1:52.057
Brain Smethurst		1:54.069
Terry Savoy		1:53.874
Ian Longhurst		1:57.247
David Smith		2:02.015

Congratulations to

John Wilson for class D honours

Martin Hall for class C honours

Peter Samuels for class B honours

Mike Harris for class AB and his first Class AB win in his new car

Rob Muir for class A honours

Congratulations also to John Wilson who was chosen as the Commentators driver of the race on this occasion.