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Practice Positions for Race 15 (Round 6)

Overall and D class Pole went to John Wilson on a 1.37.760 with Adrian Beer alongside on a 1.38.730. On row two Paul Sibley on a 1.39.540 alongside B class Pole Peter Samuels on 1.46.220. Row three C class Pole Martin Hall on a 1.46.750 alongside Phil Walker on 1.47.000.

On row four Jonnie Wheeler on 1.47.050 next to Andrew Riley on 1.50.130. Behind on row five Shane Terry on a 1.51.980 and Brian Cakebread with a 1.52.460. On row six Simon Cripps with a 1.52.950 next to Max Cawthorn on a 1.53.080 and on row seven Kevin Swann on 1.54.350 alongside A class Pole Rob Croft on a 1.58.100.

On row eight David Hill with a 2.01.660 next to Richard McKoen on 2.01.750 while behind on row nine Howard Grundon on 2.02.380 alongside Brian Smethurst on 2.07.970. On row ten Steve Okines back out for the first time in 2008 on 2.10.280 and Barry Holmes on 2.24.110 and finishing the grid due to a change of car still with No. 1 but out in the slim version of his D class car Joe Parrington entering Mike Breedon's V8 while Mike is away as Joe's Big V8 slid off in practice.

The drivers assembled in the collection area for the expected 12.10 start. The race before was a few minutes late but panic struck as Peter Samuels noticed that his steering wheel had a split on one of the arms. Never mind said the very nice Clerk of the Course, Viv Ayres, we can sort it. A shout went up and luckily Adrian had brought a spare with him just having changed his own for a new one. "Go and get it dad" shouted Adrian, and Malcolm shuffled off in the direction of the hill. "Hurry up dad, get a move on" shouted Adrian from his car and suddenly thinking that his dad shouldn't be running up the hill jumped from the car removed his helmet etc and did a 2 minute run up and down the hill and got the wheel. In the meantime the Clerk of the Course was on her hands and knees removing the nuts and bolts from Peters steering wheel ready to put on the new one. Needless to say it ended up fine in

the end. The steering wheel was put on and the race waved away, Peter made the grid and everybody was happy. The start had been delayed to 12.35

Race 15 Round 6

After the green flag lap the grid reassembled and the lights turned red and then off. Adrian got the better start and came back round and up the Mountain leading John with third placed Paul Sibley already some 200 yards behind with B class Peter Samuels on a charge just a few lengths back from him, then leading class C Phil Walker and Martin Hall with a very out of shape Simon Cripps next, Jonnie Wheeler and Andrew Riley and Brian Cakebread all flying round Hall Bend. Shane Terry, Max Cawthorn and Kevin Swann three abreast trying the impossible round Hall Bend but making it. Barry Holmes and Richard McKoen arrived next then Joe Parrington making up a few places from back of the grid. Finishing off the field Dave Hill, Rob Croft, Howard Grunden, Steven Okines and Brian Smethurst.

Class D

The first lap over the order stayed reasonably the same until lap four when the skies opened and hail and rain fell down and the cars slowed, Adrian maintained his overall lead until the last lap when he slid off, John passing to bring home the race, now with Adrian behind him, then Paul Sibley third and Joe Parrington fourth.

Class C

Phil Walker came home first in class C followed by Andrew Riley second and then Martin Hall who had a moment in the wet conditions and went backwards finishing thirteenth overall.

Class B

Peter Samuels had a fantastic race finishing fourth overall and catching Paul Sibley in the wet conditions, Jonnie Wheeler, Shane Terry and Simon Cripps getting to real grips with his Standard V8 came in next, then Barry Holmes, Max Cawthorn, Kevin Swann and Howard Grunden with Richard McKoen having a great dice with Brian Smethurst. Brian Cakebread and David Hill non finishers, David parked neatly at Hall Bend.

Class A

Rob Croft came home first in Class A leading from lights to flag some 13 seconds in front of second placed Steve Okines with third Brian Smethurst.

Full Race Results posted on the web site.

Congratulations to John Wilson for stealing the overall win and Class D



To Phil Walker for lights to flag for the class C win

To Peter Samuels also for lights to flag for the class B



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Practice Positions for Race 20 (Round 7)

The practice times were the second fastest obtained in the morning practice. Overall and class D pole went again to John Wilson with a 1.38.270 with Paul Sibley next on a 1.39.690. Row two Adrian Beer on a 1.41.140 alongside C class Pole Phil Walker on a 1.47.040. Row three C class Pole Peter Samuels alongside Jonnie Wheeler on a 1.47.090. On row four Martin Hall on a 1.49.040 next to Brian Cakebread on a 1.52.800. On row five Andrew Riley on a 1.53.310 next to Shane Terry on a 1.54.070.

On row six Max Cawthorn with 1.54.150 alongside Kevin Swann on 1.57.510 and on row seven Simon Cripps with 1.57.880 next to Rob Croft on 2.00.870. On Row eight David Hill with 2.01.970 alongside Howard Grundon on 2.03.490 and behind Richard McKoen on 2.05.940 alongside Brian Smethurst on 2.09.120. Row ten Steve Okines on 2.10.710 next to Barry Holmes with 2.34.610 and finishing the grid on the back row Joe Parrington on 1.43.150 with the little V8.

Race 20 Round 7

Race 20 on the afternoon programme started at 16.37 by this time the weather had settled and the track was dry and the skies clearing. Green flag lap taken and the grid reassembled with the exception of Paul Sibley who should have been second on the front row but did not start. As the red lights extinguished Adrian Beer from the second row behind John Wilson dived through to take the outside line into Coppice. Back round to the Mountain John was just holding off Adrian then Phil Walker followed by Peter Samuels and Jonnie Wheeler sticking to his rear. Martin Hall and Andrew Riley, then Simon Cripps with Max Cawthorn and Brian Cakebread, Kevin Swann and Joe Parrington up from the back of the grid not far

behind. The blue Roadster next of Shane Terry then Howard Grunden and Barry Holmes then David Hill, Richard McKoen, Steve Okines side by side with Rob Croft and finishing the order Brian Smethurst.

Class D

John and Adrian had a great nose to tail battle from lights to flag with Adrian pulling past on lap five and holding John off until he outbraked himself on lap 6 John passing to maintain the lead to the flag. Behind Joe Parrington from back of the grid managed to pull himself up to ninth overall to come home third in class.

Class C

Phil Walker had a faultless race in third place from start to finish with Martin Hall second unable to catch Phil once he had passed the B class battle, Peter Samuels hounding Martin to the flag. Andrew Riley came home third in class and sixth overall.

Class B

Jonnie Wheeler snapped at Peter Samuels exhaust passing him on lap two and managing to keep him at bay until Jonnie overheated on lap five and retired, Peter holding the class lead to the flag. Behind Simon Cripps was on a mission eighth overall but loosing out on lap four and dropping down seven places. Max Cawthorn took advantage and just managed to hold off Brian Cakebread. Barry Holmes found Simon Cripps in his mirrors once he had got himself back on track and managed to hold him off to the flag with Kevin Swann in the same battle until his engine expired. Shane Terry had a lonely race in front of Howard Grunden and Richard McKoen who finished the B class battles and David Hill finished the class.

Class A

Rob Croft lead the A class from lights to flag with Steve Okines coming home second sixteenth overall and Brian Smethurst third.

Congratulations to John Wilson for his Overall and first in Class D

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