

## STRATA21 BCV8 Championship

### Round 9,

### CMSC Mallory Park Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2008

With the BCV8 Overall and Class Championships still open to several drivers, 25 drivers entered for the double header at Mallory with the Classic Morgan Sportscar Club (CMSC). Kevin Swan Class B MGB roadster was a no show due to an engine problem at the last minute as was Paul Sibley also with engine problems. This left a grid of 25 entries. There were 4 driver/car combinations out with BCV8 for the first time in 2008, **Barry Proud** in a Class A MGB roadster, **Rob Spencer** in a Class B Standard V8 purchased from Paul White, **Tom Jones** returned for just this one outing in father Martin's Class B MGB roadster and **Paul Audley** returned to BCV8 with his Class C controlled V8 MGB GT. BCV8 would like to welcome all four newcomers and hope they enjoy the experience and stay for many years.

In addition Roy McCarthy should have been in hospital but the appointment was delayed and not being one to miss an opportunity to race, Roy accepted an offer to drive my MGB GT V8 which finally gave a total of 24 drivers taking to the one practice session to find their two best times to form grids for rounds 9 and 10.

#### PRACTICE SESSION, Round 9

The one 15 minute practice session was in cloudy but dry conditions with 24 drivers taking to the track to set their best lap times for grid positions for both round 9 and 10. Unfortunately Rob Spencer had to pull off early with engine problems and would not take any further part in the days racing, a sad end to his first race. Andrew Riley, Class C MGB controlled V8, completed practice but had problems with his diff which also meant he would take no further part in the days racing.

At the end of practice, John Wilson took pole position from Adrian Beer by just 0.16 secs and Joe Parrington took 3<sup>rd</sup>. Class C had Phil Walker quicker than Martin Hall and Paul Audley with Peter Samuels maintaining his dominance of Class B ahead of 2007 joint Class B champion, Tom Jones on his return to BCV8 and James Wheeler. Class AB had Mike Harris out in his immaculate FIA Car and in Class A Brian Smethurst took Class pole ahead of Steve Okines enjoying his newly prepared car, Terry Savory and newcomer Barry Proud in his first race.

#### Practice times, Round 9.

Driver	Class	Grid	Time
John Wilson	D	1	0:50.361
Adrian Beer	D	2	0:51.598
Joe Parrington	D	3	0:52.347
Phil Walker	C	4	0:53.308
Martin Hall	C	5	0:53.852
Peter Samuels	B	6	0:54.850
Tom Jones	B	7	0:55.834
James Wheeler	B	8	0:56.112
Roy McCarthy	D	9	0:56.191
Andrew Riley	C	10	0:56.356
Brian Cakebread	B	11	0:56.777
Jonnie Wheeler	B	12	0:56.830
Mike Harris	B	13	0:56.968
Paul Audley	C	14	0:57.703
Barry Holmes	B	15	0:57.927
Howard Grundon	B	16	0:57.295
Babak Farsian	B	17	0:59.126
Max Cawthorn	B	18	0:59.131
Paul Atkinson	B	19	1:00.413
Brian Smethurst	A	20	1:00.878
Rob Spencer	B	21	1:01.059
Steve Okines	A	22	1:01.163
Terry Savory	A	23	1:02.526
Barry Proud	A	24	1:09.704

## Round 9,

### RACE REPORT,

From the lights Adrian Beer got a slightly better start than John Wilson but as the first lap progressed John moved ahead to take a Class D and overall win at the flag. John and Adrian never more than 0.6 secs apart for the full 18 laps. Joe Parrington took 3<sup>rd</sup> overall ahead of a tight battle for class C between Phil Walker and Martin Hall. Phil held the advantage until lap 12 when Martin edged ahead only to tangle with Paul Audley when lapping him and spin out of the race. Class B saw Peter Samuels establish a safe cushion back to a battle for 2<sup>nd</sup> place which eventually went to James Wheeler ahead of Tom Jones. Class AB had just one entrant in Mike Harris who nonetheless enjoyed a race long battle with Class B cars. Class A saw a tight battle to take the class win with Steve Okines eventually coming out on top to take his first ever Class A win.

#### Class A.

From Class A pole, Brian Smethurst was swamped from the start by Steve Okines and Terry Savory with Steve coming round ahead of Terry, Brian down in third and Barry Proud 4<sup>th</sup> at the end of lap 1. This order remained with Steve opening a bit of a gap back to Terry. Brian got the hammer down and took Terry for 2<sup>nd</sup> place on lap 6 but, in spite of setting Class A fastest lap on lap 8 Brian was unable to get back on terms with Steve Okines who took his first Class A win in style.

#### Class AB

Mike Harris as the only Class AB entrant had to settle for a race long battle with cars from Class B to bring his car home and gain valuable experience in his FIA car.

#### Class B.

Peter Samuels made a good start from his Class B pole and held a comfortable lead at the end of lap one, a position he maintained to the flag. Peter also set fastest lap to gain maximum points towards winning Class B and keeping his hopes of overall champion on track. Tom Jones, James Wheeler, Brian Cakebread and Jonnie Wheeler had a close battle throughout the race before James finally secured 2<sup>nd</sup> ahead of Tom Jones, Brian Cakebread and Jonnie Wheeler. Max Cawthorn recovered ground after a lowly grid position to take 6<sup>th</sup> in Class ahead of Barry Holmes who added points to towards the Standard V8 Trophy, finally came out ahead of Howard Grundon, Babak Farsian and Paul Atkinson.

#### Class C

Phil Walker maintained advantage over Martin Hall from the start until lap 11 when Martin edged ahead only to collide with Paul Audley as he was lapping him and sustain enough damage to prevent Martin completing the race. This left Phil Walker to take a comfortable win with Paul Audley able to carry on to take 2<sup>nd</sup> in class. Although he did not finish, Martin Hall set fastest class lap to claim the point in the hope of keeping his challenge alive to win Class C.

#### Class D.

Although Adrian Beer edged ahead of John Wilson at the start, John had secured the lead again by the end of lap one and in spite of sustained pressure from Adrian Beer who also set fastest Class D and overall lap time, John took the chequered flag to take the overall and Class D win to keep his hopes of Overall and Class D Champion alive with just 3 rounds to go to the end of the season. Joe Parrington brought the Gulf Oil coloured car home third, pleased with the progress being made in developing this car in Class D. Roy McCarthy brought the even smaller V8 at his disposal for this race home to gain points and enjoy a different car to his regular mount prior to taking time out for his 60,000 mile service!!

### Round 9 Race Results

Class D	Best Lap
John Wilson	0:49.827
Adrian Beer	<b>FL</b> 0:49.633
Joe Parrington	0:51.082
Roy McCarthy	0:55.941

**Class C**

Phil Walker		0:53.205
Paul Audley		0:57.255
Martin Hall	<b>DNF FL</b>	0:52.780

**Class B**

Peter Samuels	<b>FL</b>	0:54.741
Tom Jones		0:55.611
James Wheeler		0:55.893
Brian Cakebread		0:55.960
Jonnie Wheeler		0:56.050
Max Cawthorn		0:56.634
Barry Holmes		0:57.388
Howard Grundon		0:58.361
Babak Farsian		0:59.479
Paul Atkinson		0:59.830

**Class AB**

Mike Harris		0:57.708
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**Class A**

Steve Okines		1:01.073
Brain Smethurst	<b>FL</b>	1:00.721
Terry Savory		1:01.255
Barry Proud		1:08.512

**Congratulations to;****John Wilson for Overall & Class D honours****Phil Walker for Class C honours****Peter Samuels for Class B honours****Mike Harris for Class AB honours****Steven Okines for Class A honours**

## STRATA21 BCV8 Championship

### Round 10,

CMSC Mallory Park  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2008

### ROUND 10 PRACTICE SESSION

Drivers second best times from the one 15 minute session formed the grid for round 10. Close times meant that there was only one change on row 1 from round 9. John Wilson was on pole again but with Joe Parrington now 2<sup>nd</sup> on the grid ahead of Adrian Beer. Classes C, B, AB and A had the same pole sitters as round 9 which shows how close it is at this stage of the year.

#### Practice times, Round 10.

Driver	Class	Grid	Time
John Wilson	D	1	0:50.381
Joe Parrington	D	2	0:52.380
Adrian Beer	D	3	0:52.828
Phil Walker	C	4	0:53.352
Martin Hall	C	5	0:54.022
Peter Samuels	B	6	0:54.967
James Wheeler	B	7	0:56.185
Roy McCarthy	B	8	0:56.227
Tom Jones	B	9	0:56.492
Andrew Riley	C	10	0:56.495
Brian Cakebread	B	11	0:56.937
Jonnie Wheeler	B	12	0:57.030
Mike Harris	B	13	0:57.509
Paul Audley	C	14	0:57.829
Howard Grundon	B	15	0:58.516
Barry Holmes	B	16	0:59.048
Babak Farsian	B	17	0:59.164
Max Cawthorn	B	18	1:00.242
Paul Atkinson	B	19	1:00.619
Brian Smethurst	A	20	1:00.919
Rob Spencer	B	21	1:01.066
Steve Okines	A	22	1:01.738
Terry Savory	A	23	1:03.522
Barry Proud	A	24	1:10.270

### Round 10,

#### RACE REPORT,

When the lights went out to start Round 10, Joe Parrington made the better start to head John Wilson for a short distance but John soon got to the front to continue his race winning ways of Round 9. Adrian Beer was only too keen to challenge John's superiority and also passed Joe to tag onto the tail of John. Martin Hall had made hasty repairs to his car to start round 10 but had to give best to Phil Walker in Class C. Peter Samuels made another good start and had a comfortable cushion back to James Wheeler for Class B, Mike Harris had a close battle with Howard Grundon (Class B V8) with Steve Okines once again heading Class A.

## **Class D.**

In spite of fellow front row man Joe Parrington making a better start, it did not take John Wilson long to charge to the front to lead Class D and overall. Adrian Beer also came past Joe to get on the tail of John Wilson these two continuing the close battle from Round 9. Joe Parrington's car could be seen to start smoking as early as lap 3, Joe finally pulling into the pits on lap 8 with a holed radiator. Adrian continued to chase John with back markers playing a significant role in preventing Adrian from any sustained pressure when lapping slower cars. John finally took the chequered flag with Adrian again having to settle for 2<sup>nd</sup> and the consolation of fastest lap. Roy McCarthy showed he had learned a bit more about the unfamiliar handling of a strange car beating his previous lap times in this round to take 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class D.

## **Class C**

Martin Hall made a better start to head Phil Walker in Class C a position he held until lap 4 when Phil took advantage of Martin struggling to accelerate out of the hairpin. These two continued to circulate in close formation until Martin started to drop back leaving Phil to take Class C win and fastest lap for maximum points in his attempts to secure Class C and a chance of Overall Champion for 2008. Paul Audley made temporary repairs to his car from Round 9 to take to the grid but only lasted until lap 5 when he retired.

## **Class B**

Once again, Peter Samuels made a good start to lead Class B and soon had a comfortable lead over the battle for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Peter kept his concentration and set fastest class lap on his way to a second class win and maximum points of the day to keep his ambitions of success alive. Further back once again a group of cars battled closely for 2<sup>nd</sup> place this time James Wheeler got the better of Tom Jones to take 2<sup>nd</sup> at the flag. The unfortunate Brian Cakebread spun off at Gerrards after a close battle with Tom Jones leaving Jonnie Wheeler to take 4<sup>th</sup> ahead of Barry Holmes Standard V8. Max Cawthorn finally got the better of Howard Grundon with Babak Farsian heading Paul Atkinson at the flag.

## **Class AB**

Mike Harris had a race long battle with Howard Grundon, both swapping places until Mike finally got the better of the Class B standard V8.

## **Class A**

Steve Okines has waited so long for his first win and then gets two in one day!!! Steve wasted no time in getting to the front for this round to head home Brian Smethurst and Terry Savory. Barry Proud completed 12 laps but was not classified as he had not completed 80% of the race distance.

## **Round 10 Race Results**

<b>Class D</b>	<b>Best Lap</b>
John Wilson	0:49.729
Adrian Beer	<b>FL</b> 0:49.608
Roy McCarthy	0:55.826
<b>Class C</b>	
Phil Walker	<b>FL</b> 0:53.935
Martin Hall	0:54.232
<b>Class B</b>	
Peter Samuels	<b>FL</b> 0:55.013
James Wheeler	0:56.056
Tom Jones	0:56.162
Jonnie Wheeler	0:56.064
Barry Holmes	0:56.814
Max Cawthorn	0:56.913
Howard Grundon	0:58.526
Babak Farsian	0:59.278
Paul Atkinson	0:59.984
<b>Class AB</b>	
Mike Harris	0:57.973

**Class A**

Steve Okines	<b>FL</b> 1:01.068
Brain Smethurst	1:01.253
Terry Savory	1:02.049

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After rounds 9 and 10 at Mallory the chance for drivers to win their class and overall championship is still wide open and very tight. The STRATA 21 BCV8 Championship driver positions will be decided at the end of the season with a drivers best 10 results counting towards awards as per Para 1.6 of the 2008 BCV8 Championship Regulations.