

## MOSS EUROPE MGCC BCV8 CHAMPIONSHIP

### Race Report Snetterton Round 10 – MGCC Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009

What a difference the result of Round 9 made with Steven and Paul not finishing or setting fastest laps this allowed Ian Prior 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class B to catch up leaving 3 drivers with a good chance of taking the 2009 Overall Champions slot going into round 10 with Steven on 77 points, Paul on 76 points and Ian now on 73 points. This simply meant each driver had to win his class and set fastest lap to be sure of taking any advantage of a poor result by any of the other two. No pressure there then especially when Ian Prior found out his diff too had gone by the time he got back to the paddock!!!!

The friendly attitude of the BCV8 drivers came to the rescue after round nine with differentials being found and swapped left right and centre which meant Steven Okines and Ian Prior would both be able to start round 10 later in the day. Paul Sibly found he had lost a lot of water and recovered the situation also to be ready for round 10 so the chase was on now again for these three drivers.

#### Practice times for round 10.

2<sup>nd</sup> Fastest time from the one practice session.

#### Class A Practice

| Driver          | Positions | Class Grid | Time     |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Steven Okines   | 1         | 14         | 1:34.535 |
| Rob Muir        | 2         | 15         | 1:36.276 |
| Frank Thompson  | 3         | 16         | 1:37.297 |
| Ian Longhurst   | 4         | 17         | 1:36.737 |
| Bob Fisher      | 5         | 19         | 1:40.050 |
| Victoria Stones | 6         | 20         | No time  |

#### Class AB Practice

| Driver          | Positions | Class Grid | Time     |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Howard Grunden  | 1         | 13         | 1:34.120 |
| Brian Smethurst | 2         | 18         | 1:38.069 |

#### Class B Practice

| Driver          | Positions | Class Grid | Time     |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Simon Cripps    | 1         | 6          | 1:25.046 |
| James Wheeler   | 2         | 7          | 1:25.458 |
| Tom Jones       | 3         | 8          | 1:25.795 |
| Jonnie Wheeler  | 4         | 9          | 1:25.806 |
| Ian Prior       | 5         | 10         | 1:27.622 |
| Shane Terry     | 6         | 11         | 1:32.213 |
| Brian Cakebread | 7         | 12         | 1:32.431 |

#### Class C Practice

| Driver      | Positions | Class Grid | Time     |
|-------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Phil Walker | 1         | 5          | 1:23.387 |

#### Class D Practice

| Driver         | Positions | Class Grid | Time     |
|----------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Adrian Beer    | 1         | 1          | 1:16.391 |
| Paul Sibley    | 2         | 2          | 1:17.516 |
| Joe Parrington | 3         | 3          | 1:18.742 |
| Roy McCarthy   | 4         | 4          | 1:22.847 |



ROUND 10

## Race Report

Adrian Beer got swamped at the start to be led round the first lap by Paul Sibley and Joe Parrington. Unfortunately Roy McCarthy found he had a suspected broken diff and could not get his car ready to start round 10. Phil Walker was 4<sup>th</sup> overall followed by a repeat battle for Class B honours, again Simon Cripps was left at the start to be down in 5<sup>th</sup> in Class B behind a close battle with Tom Jones, James Wheeler, Ian Prior and Jonnie Wheeler. Howard Grundon headed Class AB with Steven Okines having replaced his broken diff now in his familiar position at the head of Class A being chased by Ian Longhurst and Rob Muir.

### Class D.

Paul Sibley led Joe Parrington from Adrian Beer as they completed lap one but Adrian made progress on lap two passing Joe to chase Paul. These two circulating as one until Adrian finally took the lead on lap 12 to win overall and Class D at the flag. Paul came a close 2<sup>nd</sup> with Joe further back in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

### Class C.

Phil Walker had another lonely race in Class C.

### Class B.

Class B was definitely the one to watch. Ian Prior hoped to win the Class and set fastest lap to have any chance of taking the Overall Championship but he had a massive battle on his hands as Tom Jones and James Wheeler put on a fantastic dice from lights to the last lap. Whilst they were busy watching each other Ian Prior snuck up and took them both at the line to win Class B with Tom in 2<sup>nd</sup> and James in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Close behind these three Jonnie Wheeler had been keeping a watching brief but had to settle for 4<sup>th</sup> ahead of Simon Cripps, who was being chased by Shane Terry.

### Class AB.

Howard Grundon had a comfortable lead over class rival Brian Smethurst at the flag but Howard had to work for it amongst cars from other classes throughout.

### Class A.

Steven Okines took a comfortable lights to flag win in Class A followed home by Rob Muir, who set fastest Class A lap, Ian Longhurst Victoria stones and Bob Fisher.

Even though Rob Muir had set fastest lap, in terms of total points at the end of round 10 Steven had done enough to have the most points and be classed as provisional 2009 Overall Moss Europe MGCC BCV8 Champion. There are a few checks to be made to make it official but after supporting BCV8 all year and having a good track record Steven is a worthy Overall Champion.

## Congratulations to

|                         |  |                        |                            |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Phil Walker –</b>    | <b>Adrian Beer - Overall and 1<sup>st</sup> in Class D</b> |                        |                            |
| <b>Howard Grundon –</b> | 1 <sup>st</sup> in Class C                                 | <b>Ian Prior –</b>     | 1 <sup>st</sup> in Class B |
|                         | 1 <sup>st</sup> in Class AB                                | <b>Steven Okines –</b> | 1 <sup>st</sup> in Class A |

## Round 10 Race Results

|                |                    |  |                 |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------|
|                |                    |  | Shane Terry     | 1:31.301           |
|                |                    |  | Brian Cakebread | dnf 1:28.654       |
| <b>Class D</b> | <b>Best Lap</b>    |  | <b>Class AB</b> |                    |
| Adrian Beer    | <b>FL</b> 1:16.124 |  | Howard Grundon  | <b>FL</b> 1:33.225 |
| Paul Sibley    | 1:17.224           |  | Brian Smethurst | 1:35.142           |
| Joe Parrington | 1:17.742           |  |                 |                    |
| <b>Class C</b> |                    |  | <b>Class A</b>  |                    |
| Phil Walker    | <b>FL</b> 1:24.047 |  | Steve Okines    | 1:34.673           |
|                |                    |  | Rob Muir        | <b>FL</b> 1:33.918 |
| <b>Class B</b> |                    |  | Ian Longhurst   | 1:36.418           |
| Ian Prior      | 1:24.884           |  | Victoria Stones | 1:36.993           |
| Tom Jones      | <b>FL</b> 1:24.229 |  | Bob Fisher      | 1:39.182           |
| James Wheeler  | 1:24.337           |  | Frank Thompson  | dnf 1:35.649       |
| Jonnie Wheeler | 1:24.780           |  |                 |                    |
| Simon Cripps   | 1:25.302           |  |                 |                    |