

MOSS EUROPE MGCC BCV8 CHAMPIONSHIP

Race Report Snetterton Round 9 – MGCC Saturday 3rd October 2009

Practice

Saturday dawned very cool but dry which had an effect on the day as a 45 mph gusting wind whipped up the Norfolk soil and covered everyone and everything in a light film of sand and dust throughout the day. The dust storm also reduced visibility on occasions but that did not stop 20 drivers from taking to the track. On this occasion each driver had to find two quick laps as their best two times would form the grids for rounds 9 and 10.

It was fantastic to welcome Roy McCarthy back to BCV8 after all the problems and treatment he has had throughout 2009 knowing that the treatment has now taken its course and he is fit enough to get back to his passion (motor racing of course with his beautiful "little" yellow V8 although he did bring Pam along too!!!). Welcome back Roy, great to see you out again.

There were also two newcomers for 2009 in Class B driver Shane Terry and Class A driver Frank Thompson, welcome each of you hope you enjoyed the day and make a regular outing with BCV8 in 2010.

Victoria Stone was the first to stop with a puncture after just her out lap which prevented any further action but after fixing the problem she was allowed out in another practice session and would take to the grid later in the day.

Next Brian Cakebread was black flagged for oil smoke which was found to be a leak from a sump which he rectified to the satisfaction of the scrutineer ready for the race. On this occasion when the 16 minutes practice came to an end the dust did not settle but Adrian Beer had overall pole from Paul Sibley, Phil Walker had Class C pole, Simon Cripps had Class B pole from Tom Jones, Howard Grundon had Class AB pole and Steven Okines kept his hopes of overall Champion by taking pole for Class A from Rob Muir.

Practice times issued by MGCC at 09:17.

Class A Practice

Driver	Class Grid	Positions	Time
Steven Okines	1	14	1:34.074
Rob Muir	2	16	1:35.868
Frank Thompson	3	17	1:36.669
Ian Longhurst	4	18	1:36.715
Bob Fisher	5	19	1:39.452
Victoria Stones	6	20	No time

Class AB Practice

Driver	Class Grid	Positions	Time
Howard Grundon	1	13	1:33.971
Brian Smethurst	2	15	1:35.734

Class B Practice

Driver	Class Grid	Positions	Time
Simon Cripps	1	6	1:24.602
Tom Jones	2	7	1:25.150
James Wheeler	3	8	1:25.439
Jonnie Wheeler	4	9	1:25.747
Ian Prior	5	10	1:27.361
Brian Cakebread	6	11	1:31.013
Shane Terry	7	12	1:31.361

Class C Practice

Driver	Class Grid	Positions	Time
Phil Walker	1	2	1:23.182

Class D Practice

Driver	Class Grid	Positions	Time
Adrian Beer	1	1	1:15.583
Paul Sibley	2	2	1:17.444
Joe Parrington	3	3	1:18.411
Roy McCarthy	4	4	1:22.752



ROUND 9
Race Report

As the lights went out to start round 9, Paul Sibley made a good start to head Adrian Beer and Joe Parrington away. Roy McCarthy held on a distant fourth ahead of Phil Walker's Class C car. The battle for honours in Class B was something to keep an eye on as first Tom Jones and then Jonnie and James Wheeler took Simon Cripps with Ian Prior chasing these four all in a tight pack. Howard Grundon had his mirrors full of cars from other Classes to head Class AB but, wait a minute where is Steven Okines, a contender for the 2009 Overall Champion he has not completed the first lap!! Steven could be seen coasting to a halt with no drive just before the bomb hole which left Rob Muir to lead Class A at the end of the first lap.

Class A

With Steven Okines out on lap one with what was later found to be a broken diff Rob Muir had fun with the Class AB V8 cars to have a lights to flag race win followed by Ian Longhurst on a welcome return to BCV8, newcomer Frank Thompson who could be seen to be really trying with his maroon MGB roadster and Bob Fisher in his MGB GT. Victoria Stones retired on lap 6.

Class AB

Howard Grundon had the edge over Brian Smethurst in the MGB GT V8 class taking a lights to flag victory to keep his ambitions of Class Champion on track.

Class B

Simon Cripps had done a fantastic job to put his car on Class B pole position but could not maintain the advantage as he was swamped at the start to be led home at the end of lap one by Tom Jones, Jonnie Wheeler and James Wheeler. Unfortunately for Simon he would only manage one lap before retiring with a broken half shaft leaving Tom Jones, Jonnie Wheeler, James Wheeler and Ian prior to fight for the class win. Tom and James having a very close battle but Tom set fastest lap for the class and managed to maintain the advantage at the flag to take a well earned class win. Ian Prior kept his hope alive with a determined drive to 3rd in Class B ahead of Jonnie Wheeler with Shane Terry enjoying a good run to 5th in Class on his first outing of 2009. Good close racing from all in this class kept the spectators warm throughout.

Class C

Phil Walker continues to be the lone driver in Class C, a credit to Phil in a blatant attempt to keep BCV8 alive by entering every round in 2009, many thanks Phil, I hope we can drum up some more drivers for Class C in 2010. The cars are out there it is a shame to keep them off the circuit and we cannot expect Phil to keep coming out on his own. If we cannot get drivers and cars into Class C we may consider abandoning the class or changing the regs to suit additional cars. Air your views at the annual AGM on 14 November 2009.

Class D

Paul Sibley needed to set fastest lap and take a win to keep his hopes alive and as he crossed the line leading overall ahead of Adrian Beer at the end of the first lap it looked a strong possibility. Joe Parrington was close behind these two with a small gap further back to Roy McCarthy. Roy keeping in touch until his diff gave up and he lost drive on lap 6 and had to retire

Paul and Adrian continued to give a masterful display of fast but safe driving for the first 7 laps when Adrian finally got past to take the lead with Paul not far behind until he had to retire on lap 13 when the water temperature shot sky high leaving Joe Parrington to take 2nd at the flag.

Congratulations to

Phil Walker -	1st in Class C	Adrian Beer - Overall and 1st in Class D	Tom Jones -	1st in Class B
Howard Grundon -	1 st in Class AB		Rob Muir -	1st in Class A

Round 9 Race Results

Class D		Best Lap			
Adrian Beer	FL	1:16.019	Brian Cakebread	dnf	1:28.984
Joe Parrington		1:18.929	Simon Cripps	dnf	1:38.598
Paul Sibley	dnf	1:17.289	Class AB		
Roy McCarthy	dnf	1:21.675	Howard Grundon	FL	1:33.815
			Brian Smethurst		1:35.399
Class C			Class A		
Phil Walker	FL	1:23.840	Rob Muir	FL	1:33.626
Class B			Ian Longhurst		1:35.591
Tom Jones	FL	1:24.294	Frank Thompson		1:36.563
James Wheeler		1:25.187	Bob Fisher		1:37.269
Ian Prior		1:26.224	Victoria Stones	dnf	1:36.598
Jonnie Wheeler		1:24.783	Steve Okines	dnf	
Shane Terry		1:32.332			