

Moss Europe MGCC BCV8 Championship 2010

What a difference a race makes!!! After the disaster of the Brands Hatch rounds it was a pleasure to watch club racing at its best with very close racing in all but Class AB where Howard Grundon had a lonely race as the only class entrant. It was also good to see that the events of Brands Hatch appear to have been left behind and that the drivers got on with the race day events. 18 drivers arrived at a cold and initially grey Oulton Park the fantastic circuit looking well cared for both on track and around the paddock, a credit to the organisers and circuit owners who have fully committed to modernising this fantastic race circuit.

It was a pleasure to watch the separate races for each of BCV8's 5 classes but especially so to see 5 Class B cars swapping places rather than paint and panels lap after lap to such an extent the commentator got so excited he missed the waving chequered flag and was still excitedly reporting the action for half the slowing down lap and actually did not know who had won!!!

Congratulations to all the drivers who came to Oulton and showed the crowd how good BCV8 really is.

MOSS EUROPE BCV8 CHAMPIONSHIP

Oulton Park - MGCC

8th May 2010

Round 3

THE RACE

Practice Session

The 18 entered drivers took to practice at 11:20 after a leisurely start to the day. Adrian Beer had borrowed Martin Hall's Class C MGB Controlled V8 and entered himself in Class C to bring back memories of his championship winning year in 2005 clearly showing he could still drive a "slower" car by setting Class C pole position!!!

Chris Tilly brought out his Class D car only to find an oil leak from the rear of the gearbox that could not be fixed for the race and so had to withdraw.

Paul Sibley finally took overall and class D pole from Joe Parrington with Roy McCarthy in his little Yellow V8 third in Class D followed by Bernard Foley.

Phil Walker and Piers Townsend continued to battle it out in Class C with Phil taking the second in class slot behind Adrian Beer from Piers on this occasion.

Class B was very closely fought with Russell McCarthy just taking the class pole from James Wheeler, followed by Ian Prior, Simon Cripps and Jonnie Wheeler.

Howard Grundon was the only Class AB entrant in his familiar Standard MGB GT V8.

Class A saw Rob Croft continue to show the others the way to do it, sliding his MGB GT around like a seasoned pro to take class pole ahead of a close group of Victoria Stones, Bob Fisher and a welcome return to Terry Savory in a rebuilt car now in its splendid new blue livery.

Practice times issued by MGCC at 11:46

Class A Practice	Positions		
Driver	Class	Grid	Time
Rob Croft	1	14	2:15.372
Victoria Stones	2	16	2:23.676
Bob Fisher	3	17	2:24.808
Terry Savory	4	18	2:24.997

Class AB Practice	Positions		
Driver	Class	Grid	Time
Howard Grundon	1	15	2:18.046

Class B Practice	Positions		
Driver	Class	Grid	Time
Russell McCarthy	1	7	2:03.130
James Wheeler	2	9	2:03.853
Ian Prior	3	10	2:03.876
Simon Cripps	4	11	2:03.899
Jonnie Wheeler	5	12	2:05.899

Class C Practice	Positions
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Driver	Class	Grid	Time
Adrian Beer	1	3	1:57.335
Phil Walker	2	5	2:01.771
Piers Townsend	3	6	2:01.833

Class D Practice

Driver	Class	Grid	Time
Paul Sibley	1	1	1:53.474
Joe Parrington	2	2	1:55.048
Roy McCarthy	3	4	2:00.401
Chris Tilly	4	8	2:03.829
Bernard Foley	1	13	2:05.952

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Race

The Lights changed and the 17 car grid stormed away with Paul Sibley leading Joe Parrington from Adrian Beer and Roy McCarthy. The rest of the pack followed and started to establish their race positions but this was to be no procession with race long battles taking place in every class right the way to the back of the field.

Class D

Paul Sibley took a lights to flag victory but had Joe Parrington keeping him focussed until Joe had clutch problems and had to fight for the gears from about the halfway distance. Mastering the art of changing gears with an unpredictable clutch Joe even managed to set fastest lap of the race to take 2nd overall and in Class D.

Roy McCarthy enjoyed a race long attempt to stay ahead of the Class C cars of Piers and Phil to take 3rd in Class D with Bernard Foley still learning to drive his class D car to good effect to take 4th in Class D.

Class C.

Adrian Beer showed he had lost none of his enthusiasm for Class C when he put Martin Hall's car on class pole, took a lights to flag class win and broke the old Class C lap record.

A different story for 2nd and 3rd with Piers Townsend and Phil Walker fighting it out right to the flag, 2nd in class finally going to Piers Townsend.

Class B.

The lead would change so many time in Class B the commentator could hardly keep up with it. I will not attempt to give a close account of this race, the lead changed hands so many times between Russell McCarthy who had intermittent electrical problems that were hampering his progress in spite of which he led the pack a few times before having to retire on lap 8. Ian Prior initially led before Jonnie Wheeler got his car ahead for a few laps, Simon Cripps chased hard and was always a threat but they all eventually had to give best to Ian Prior who managed to get ahead in the closing stages of the race to take the chequered flag with James Wheeler charging through to 2nd place ahead of Jonnie Wheeler and Simon Cripps. A credit to all these drivers for putting on a fantastic display of very close but clean racing from lights to flag.

Class AB

Howard Grundon had a lonely race as the only entrant in Class AB for Standard V8 cars but that did not stop him trying as he broke the old Class AB lap record.

Class A.

Rob Croft continued where he left off after round one to take class pole and then a lights to flag victory breaking the Class A lap record on the way. The real racing for positions in Class A was between Victoria Stones, Terry Savory and Bob Fisher, much the same as the Class B race you were never sure who would be leading the pack until they got to your spot on the track. Victoria finally stamped her foot on the throttle to show the boys how it should be done to take 2nd in class ahead of a returning Terry Savory and Bob Fisher.

A great race and a credit to all drivers who showed that it is possible to have very close competitive racing in any Class in BCV8, well done to all.

Results.

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Class D

Best Lap

Paul Sibley		1:53.192
Joe Parrington	FL	1:52.711
Roy McCarthy		1:57.794
Bernard Foley		2:00.749

Class C

Adrian Beer	FL	1:54.568
Piers Townsend		1:57.856
Phil Walker		1:57.872

Class B

Ian Prior	FL	2:02.385
James Wheeler		2:02.912
Jonnie Wheeler		2:03.061
Simon Cripps		2:02.942

Class AB

Howard Grundon	FL	2:15.009
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Class A

Rob Croft	FL	2:13.556
Victoria Stones		2:19.368
Terry Savory		2:23.055
Bob Fisher		2:21.823

Congratulations to

Paul Sibley - Overall and 1st in Class D

Adrian Beer – 1st in Class C

Ian Prior – 1st in Class B

Howard Grundon – 1st in Class AB

Rob Croft – 1st in Class A

NEW LAP RECORDS - OULTON PARK

Congratulations to Rob Croft, Class A, Howard Grundon Class AB, and Adrian Beer Class C, who all broke their class lap records at Oulton Park circuit.