

MOSS EUROPE BCV8 CHAMPIONSHIP
MGCC - Silverstone Historic GP Circuit
5th June 2010
Round 4

Practice Session

There was one 20 minute practice session in which drivers first and second fastest times counted to form a grid for rounds 4 and 5 of the 2010 Moss Europe BCV8 Championship.

Practice times and grid for Round 4

When all the dust had settled, Paul Sibley had managed **Overall and Class D** pole position for round 4 and 5 with Joe Parrington, in spite of losing his clutch and ending up in the gravel trap, sharing the front row in both rounds. Bernard Foley clearly getting to grips with his Class D car was 3rd in Class with Chris Tilly 4th ahead of Roy McCarthy.

Class C had Martin Hall making a welcome return to take Class pole from Peter Samuels with Andrew Young running as an 'invited' driver in his MGC 3rd followed by Piers Townsend and Phil Walker uncharacteristically much further back.

Class B, Russell McCarthy took class pole ahead of Ian Prior and the Wheeler gang with James ahead of Jonnie and Simon Cripps. Babak Farsian was next in his return to BCV8 for 2010 followed by Brian Cakebread, John Hutson, also having his first outing for some time, Paul Atkinson and Philip Simpson.

Class AB saw 3 Standard MGB GT V8s with the return of Christopher Forrest and Brian Smethurst joining regular contender Howard Grundon for this round. Christopher proved he has lost none of his skill at driving his V8 quickly to take class pole from Howard Grundon followed by Brian Smethurst.

Class A, Robert Croft continued to dominate Class A in 2010 to take Class pole in spite of a tail gate that did not want to stay shut.. Behind Robert we had the only lady competitor in BCV8 Victoria Stones followed by Stephen Okines who had one of those days we all dread when he had engine problems early in practice which, in spite of a wealth of spares at the stalls in the outer areas he could not fix and took no further part in the days racing. After winning the class and overall championship last year Stephen is certainly having his share of problems in 2010. Next up in Class A was Terry Savory followed by Bob Fisher, both in very nice new paint jobs for 2010 which look fantastic. The unfortunate Peter Webber had an even worse start to the day than Stephen Okines when after travelling all the way from Scotland his engine blew before he had even completed 3 laps and he would have no choice but to pack it all on the trailer and head off on the long journey home. Such a shame after paying for the entry and the amount of fuel to get to and from the circuit none of which is recoverable all adds up to making Club racing a costly affair for everyone these days. Owing to the confusing set of times issued and the possibility that changes were made to time sheets drivers may have, I have not included any times in this race report but would suggest you check out the TSL timing web site at www.tsl-timing.com

The Race

Paul Sibley led from lights to flag in what proved to be an easy race for him when Joe Parrington experienced clutch problems which prevented him from selecting gears throughout the race. Chris Tilley and Bernard Foley chased after Paul until Joe managed to catch them both and pass Bernard to end up 3rd in Class D Chris had some electrical gremlins which he managed to master and sort out ready for the next round later in the day. In Class C, Martin Hall maintained the lead at the end of lap 1 closely followed by Peter Samuels and a fast recovering Phil Walker. Russell McCarthy headed Class B with Christopher Forrest heading Class AB and Robert Croft heading Class A.

The race was red flagged at the end of lap 6 after the cars of Martin Hall and Peter Samuels touched as they were entering Woodcote and ended up in a risky position at the side of the track, the race results were given for the end of lap 6.

Class D

Paul Sibley took a lights to flag victory and set the fastest lap when once again in spite of Joe Parrington carrying out a lot of work since Oulton Park to try to cure a clutch problem it reappeared at Silverstone. Attempts to cure it once again after practice proved fruitless as Joe had trouble selecting a gear and dropped back on the first lap a problem which lasted for the entire race. This let Bernard Foley and Chris Tilly up to 2nd and 3rd in Class but even Chris was having electrical problems that would eventually slow him down. Roy McCarthy chased hard in his little yellow V8 GT with Joe Parrington starting to recovering ground once he found a gear or two to recover from 10th on the road at the end of lap 1 to be classified 3rd overall behind Chris Tilley in 2nd at the flag with Bernard Foley 4th and Roy McCarthy classified 5th in class..

Class C.

Martin Hall headed Peter Samuels at the end of lap 1 with Phil Walker very close behind these two having made a storming start from his low grid position. Martin came under pressure from both Peter and Phil and was relegated to 3rd in class by the end of lap 2 with Phil Walker now heading this group with Peter Samuels ahead of Martin. These three remained in close order until lap 6 when Martin and Peter took avoiding action on an anticipated incident and collided, this resulted in both cars stranded off the track and damaged. The position of these two cars and the significant impact to Peters car meant the race was red flagged and as it had covered three quarter distance that would be the end of round 4. Both drivers were taken to the medical centre but released after checks. Discussions a few days later showed that neither driver had any adverse effects other than bruises and concerns about the damaged cars. At the end of the race, Phil Walker was classified as winner of Class C ahead of Piers Townsend and Andy Young.

Class B.

From the lights Russell McCarthy headed Class B until a hard charging and determined Simon Cripps caught and passed Russell on lap 5 only for Russell to re-take the lead and head Simon at the flag to win Class B but leave Simon Cripps to set the fastest lap of this race on lap 5 when he overtook Russell. Behind these two, Jonnie Wheeler Ian Prior and James Wheeler had their familiar race long battle with Jonnie heading Ian and James at the flag. Brian Cakebread took 6th in class ahead of Babak Farsian, Paul Atkinson and Philip Simpson. **Russell McCarthy was awarded commentators driver of the race in round 4.**

Class AB

Christopher Forrest's return to BCV8 saw him take a lights to flag class win ahead of Howard Grundon and Brian Smethurst. .

Class A.

Having managed to secure his tailgate, Robert Croft took a lights to flag class win ahead of Victoria Stones, Terry Savory and Bob Fisher. Rob now a clear class leader who once again set fastest lap in this round. In spite of the race being on the 3.194 miles of old GP circuit, there was action throughout the field to keep the crowd entertained.

FOR Full RESULTS see next section.

Congratulations to

Paul Sibley - Overall and 1st in Class D

Phil Walker – 1st in Class C

Russell McCarthy – 1st in Class B

Christopher Forrest – 1st in Class AB

Rob Croft – 1st in Class A