

MOSS EUROPE BCV8 CHAMPIONSHIP
BRANDS HATCH - MGCC
11th April 2010
Rounds 1 and 2

The Sunday morning practice started at 10am for fifteen minutes and the majority of drivers completed a full practice. Victoria Stones only did three laps finding she had fuel problems and Peter Collis came in after eight laps as did Peter Webber who was called to the Clerk of the Course and told to speed up as he was very slow compared to the Class A leader, the Clerk probably not realising that this was his very first race. Rob Huff after gaining Class B Pole came in, after all for Rob enough is enough, but he had a dropped valve that had to be repaired over the lunch break. Simon Cripps had ignition failure and just coasted round to the bottom of paddock and parked up.

THE RACES

RACE 1

Practice times for race 1 were taken as the first set of fastest times from Practice.
These times showed:

Row 1 Paul Sibley on Pole with Adrian Beer
Row 2 Peter Collis and Joe Parrington,
Row 3 Piers Townsend and Phil Walker,
Row 4 Roy McCarthy and Peter Samuels,
Row 5 Rob Huff and Chris Tilly,
Row 6 Russell McCarthy and Bernard Foley,
Row 7 Jonnie Wheeler and James Wheeler
Row 8 Ian Prior and Shane Terry
Row 9 Max Cawthorn and Brian Cakebread
Row 10 Howard Grundon and Rob Croft
Row 11 Phil Simpson and Steve Okines
Row 12 Paul Atkinson and Bob Fisher
Row 13 Terry Savory and Victoria Stones
Row 14 Peter Webber and
Back of Grid Simon Cripps

First Start

Lights changed and the grid stormed away with initially Adrian Beer leading the pack, Paul Sibley seemed to get bogged down but then within just 200 yds from the grid Adrian Beer lost his throttle and had no power, Joe Parrington tried to pass him but had nowhere to go clipping Adrian's front wheel sending Adrian to the right and into the path of Peter Collis and leaving Joe to combat a massive fish tail from one side of the track to the other. This resulted in a six or seven car accident as the remaining drivers tried to take avoiding action. Peter Collis seemed to get the worst impact after hitting a powerless Adrian Beer and as Joe Parrington fought the fishtailing Class D V8, generally mayhem took over.

The race was obviously stopped, Peter Collis was stuck in the car for a while but then got out winded but ok and the track was cleared. The remaining cars reassembled and those that had too much damage to get back under their own power were taken back to the paddock.

A viewing of the first start can be seen on YouTube quoting 'Brands Hatch Start Line Scuffle'.

Second Start

The front of the grid now greatly diminished the field was again headed by Paul Sibley, the lights changed to red and Paul stormed away, by the top of Druids he was followed by Phil Walker, Peter Samuels, Bernard Foley, Roy McCarthy, then Rob Huff, Russell McCarthy and James Wheeler on the outside and Ian Prior and Jonnie Wheeler to the right of the track approaching Druids. At this point Jonnie Wheeler ended up on the grass and could not slow his car down on approach to Druids turn in which resulted in a significant collision with son James Wheeler that once again brought out a red flag to stop the race. I will go no further but can recommend a viewing of : - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uU3CVHe709c> to make up your own minds of what happened.

After two red flag stoppages before even one lap of BCV8 round one had been completed, the race was understandably abandoned.

Fortunately after a lengthy stay at the circuit medical centre James returned to the paddock bruised but ok.

RACE 2

Fortunately due to delays outside BCV8's control drivers had around 5 hours to repair cars with a great amount of tank tape used and lots of borrowed and begged parts. By the second race which had been put back to 17.11 due to a medical situation elsewhere at the circuit that required the air ambulance to land which resulted in the race being reduced to only 10 minutes we had a grid again but this time of 25, the only non starters from the First Start being Peter Collis, Joe Parrington and Piers Townsend. Everybody else made the grid, even the two yellow MGB's of Jonnie and James Wheeler who had been involved in the crash at the top of Druids stopping the second start.

The second fastest times from Practice showing:

Row 1	Paul Sibley <u>D Class Pole</u>	51.958		
	Adrian Beer	52.031,		
Row 2	Phil Walker <u>C Class Pole</u>	55.533		
Row 3	Roy McCarthy	55.789		
	Peter Samuels	56.084		
Row 4	Rob Huff <u>B Class Pole</u>	56.280		
	Bernard Foley	56.437		
Row 5	Russell McCarthy	56.497		
	Chris Tilly	56.874		
Row 6	Jonnie Wheeler	56.944		
	Ian Prior	57.439		
Row 7	James Wheeler	57.745		
	Shane Terry	58.628		
Row 8	Max Cawthorn	1.00.00		
	Brian Cakebread	1.00.127		
Row 9	Howard Grunden <u>AB Pole</u>	1.01.134		
	Phillip Simpson	1.02.065		
Row 10	Paul Atkinson	1.02.461		
	Steve Okines <u>A Class Pole</u>	1.02.475		
Row 11	Robert Croft	1.02.913		
	Bob Fisher	1.04.684		
Row 12	Terry Savory	1.05.397	Victoria Stones	1.14.250
Row 13	Peter Webber	1.20.258		
Row 14	Simon Cripps -	Untimed		

RACE 2

It was a credit to the determination and support BCV8 drivers are famous for that after the incidents of the first race there were 25 of the original 28 starters now taking to the grid for race 2. Unfortunately due to mechanical failures Roy McCarthy and Brian Cakebread did not complete the first lap leaving 23 cars to battle it out. From the lights, Paul Sibley soon took the lead ahead of Adrian Beer, both Class D and Phil Walker Class C. Peter Samuels was finally getting a chance to drive his new mount in anger for more than a few yards and was chasing Phil for Class C honours. Chris Tilley and Brian Foley, both out for the first time in BCV8 in their well turned out Class D cars were close together with Chris edging away in the ex- Peter Collis Class D V8 GT.

Class D.

Paul Sibley continued to lead Class D until he slowed on the next to last lap when he thought he had seen a yellow flag, this allowed Adrian Beer to come through until Paul realised the race was still on at which point he set off on a mission to retake the lead. He finally got close to Adrian as he approached Clearways on the last lap but in negotiating back markers the two cars touched sending Adrian Beer into a massive slide which ended up with a significant impact ending Adrian's race and badly damaging his car. Paul managed to recover to take the flag for overall and Class D wins. Chris Tilley took 2nd in Class D ahead of Bernard Foley both doing a great drive on their first outing with BCV8.

Class C.

Phil Walker had a lights to flag victory ahead of Peter Samuels in the ex-John Hutson Class C car. On his return to BCV8, the unfortunate Piers Townsend was not able to start this race after the 1st race incident. I think Phil will have a challenge on his hands when Piers returns and Peter finally gets to grips with his Class C car after many years in Class B. Shane Terry brought out his 3.9 engined V8 GT to take 3rd in Class C.

Class B.

The battle for Class B honours saw Rob Huff being chased by Russell McCarthy until Rob's engine started giving problems leaving Russell to take Class B honours at the flag. Rob was soon joined by the three cars of Ian Prior, James Wheeler and Jonnie Wheeler, these four cars in close battle until Rob had to retire on lap 5. Ian, James and Jonnie continued their battle all the way to the flag, Ian taking 2nd in Class B just keeping ahead of James followed by Jonnie. Simon Cripps was only just behind these three with a storming drive from the back of the grid after electrical gremlins kept Simon out of most of practice and the start of the abandoned 1st race, surely one to watch at future rounds.

Class AB

Howard Grundon had a lonely race as the only entrant in Class AB for Standard V8 cars although he enjoyed a close battle with a new driver in BCV8 Class B, Philip Simpson.

Class A.

In Class A it was good to see Rob Croft back with BCV8 after a significant rebuild of his car over the last 18 months, Steven Okines had managed to repair the damage to his car from the 1st race although it would "not look pretty". Rob managed to get ahead of Stephen on lap 2 to lead class A, a position he would hold to the flag. Terry Savory took 3rd with Bob Fisher and Peter Webber completing the Class A finishers.

Results.

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Class D	Best Lap
Paul Sibley	0:51.824
Chris Tilley	0:55.087
Bernard Foley	0:56.164
DNF Adrian Beer	FL 0:51.771
Class C	
Phil Walker	FL 0:55.669
Peter Samuels	0:55.863
Shane Terry	1:32.332
Class B	
Russell McCarthy	FL 0:56.194
Ian Prior	0:57.149
James Wheeler	0:56.905
Jonnie Wheeler	0:57.054
Simon Cripps	0:57.710
Max Cawthorne	0:58.444
Philip Simpson	1:01.755
Paul Akinson	1:02.608
Class AB	
Howard Grundon	FL 1:01.771
Class A	
Rob Croft	FL 1:02.845
Stephen Okines	1:02.989
Terry Savory	1:06.556
Bob Fisher	1:06.771
Peter Webber	1:14.549

Congratulations to

Paul Sibley - Overall and 1st in Class D

Phil Walker – 1st in Class C

Russell McCarthy – 1st in Class B

Howard Grundon – 1st in Class AB

Rob Croft – 1st in Class A