

**A1 Drivers BCV8 Championship  
RACE REPORT ROUND 10.  
MGCC and Castle Combe Circuit Race Meeting  
CASTLE COMBE 16 September 2006.**

Fortunately we have a race reporter for round 10 of the A1 Drivers BCV8 Championship at Castle Combe but I suspect the report may be a little bit biased towards the winner of Class B, Jonnie Wheeler due to a role reversal where son is proud of dad's achievements on the day and deservedly so. Well done to James for the race report below and Jonnie for his first Class B win.

### **QUALIFYING**

As the 20 cars went down to the assembly area there was lots of low cloud but no rain. The track looked a little greasy but nothing the BCV8 grid couldn't handle! As the cars went out a few people took it easy for the first few laps but by lap 3 everyone was going for it! Adrian Beer looked like he was trying hard round Camp Corner, but John Wilson looked very smooth and put his car on pole by four hundredths of a second. Joe Parrington took pole for class C, Jonnie Wheeler was looking dominant in class B, over half a second quicker than the next B class car of Peter Samuels. Paul White took pole in class AB and Rob Muir in class A. Russell McCarthy had terminal engine problems with his Class B car in qualifying and would not make the race later in the day.

### **RACE**

As the Lights went out the Class D V8's made fantastic starts, John Wilson, Adrian Beer and Peter Collis had nothing between them, Joe Parrington kept in front of Piers Townsend, Jonnie Wheeler kept in front of Brian Cakebread and Peter Samuels who gave him a Wheeler Sandwich towards Quarry. Rob Muir looked dominate of class A even though it was his first race at the circuit.

#### **Class A**

Rob Muir led from Lights to flag. Rob had a misfire set in near the end of the race but he managed to get his car home for another Class A win! Steve Okines finished in second never threatened by third place driver Brian Smethurst but never close enough to fight for 1st.

#### **Class AB**

Paul White drove well in his Class AB car setting some quick consistent times for a class win. Dawn-Marie Cox finished 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Class B**

Class B was once again ultra competitive, Jonnie Wheeler led from lights to the flag with a Wheeler sandwich at the first corner from Peter Samuels and Brian Cakebread. As the race went on Jonnie pulled a slight gap from Peter Samuels but couldn't seem to shake him off completely. Tom Jones had an unfortunate start as the C class car of Martin Hall which should have been much further up the grid made contact with him; Tom had to brake to avoid a major incident, sending him right down the field.

A safety car came out on lap 4 when Peter Collis Class D car had a gearbox seize in 3<sup>rd</sup> gear leaving him stranded at the side of the circuit in a dangerous position at the exit of Quarry. This took some time to remove which allowed the field to close back up! Jonnie made a fantastic restart but with serious brake fade starting to set in he found himself having to really defend from a closing Peter Samuels, but he held him off until the end. Tom Jones worked his way back through the field making a fantastic move on Brian Cakebread for third place at quarry. Ian Prior

finished 5th, Barry Holmes 6th and Mike Breedon 7th.

### **Class C**

Class C once again saw Joe Parrington in the lead from start to finish, he had a small amount of pressure from second placed Piers Townsend at the start of the race, but after the safety car he seemed to fall away from Joe and into the clutches of a much quicker for this season Phil Walker, who finished only a second behind Piers at the end. Martin Hall was never quick enough to battle with the C class and finished last in Class C.

### **Class D**

Class D this year has also been ultra competitive even when there have been low numbers. As the lights went out John Wilson, Adrian Beer and Peter Collis were as close as ever. Unfortunately on lap two Peter Collis's rear wheels locked and spun him out at quarry when his gearbox seized in 3<sup>rd</sup> gear. After a safety car for this incident John Wilson led the race to the flag but not without immense pressure from Adrian Beer who was never any more than half a car length away from him! Roy McCarthy drove well in his fantastic looking D class car to finish 3rd.

**JAMES WHEELER**