

Strata 21 BCV8 Championship
RACE REPORT ROUND 6.
MGCC Oulton Park International Race Meeting
19th May 2007

RACE REPORT
QUALIFYING

As the cars went out to qualify clouds loomed over head, but the track would remain dry throughout qualifying. Adrian Beer set fastest lap. Adrian did find the limit of his D class V8, having a nice little 360 pirouette round Old Hall. Many cars had problems, mainly the B class cars. Russell McCarthy, Jonnie Wheeler and Mike Harris being the most noticeable. Russell and Jonnie with terminal problems. Mike Harris not so major but enough to cut his practice short, Mike had a small Beetle stuck in one of his jets!!! (Unlucky or what!!). Bob Luff had a misfire but his car had just raced some seriously long endurance races abroad. Bob and Mike would have there cars back out for the race!

THE RACE

As the cars lined up on the grid an unexpected rain shower came over soaking the track! All the cars at the front were on slicks. The race still went ahead and as the cars scabbled for grip off the start John Wilson took full advantage of the greasy conditions.

CLASS D

As the cars pulled away scabbling for grip John Wilson made the best start with Adrian Beer and Peter Collis just behind. It was good to see Peter Collis out again and he looked really settled back into his V8 having a superb race and setting a quick time. John Wilson pulled out a large gap in the damp conditions, but as the track dried Adrian Beer started to close the gap. However the gap was to big and Beer ran out of laps to over take Wilson. John Wilson won the race with Adrian Beer in 2nd, and Peter Collis in a solid 3rd. Roy McCarthy in his 'Small Big' V8 had a superb battle with Paul Sibley to finish 4th, and Paul took 5th.

CLASS C

Joe Parrington got Pole and won again, but his wins are getting harder as Paul White was keeping him very honest throughout the race. White finishing only 2 tenths behind Parrington at the end. Piers Townsend finished in a strong 3rd but he did have to watch out for Martin Hall who did set a quicker lap time. Andrew Riley finishing 5th

CLASS B

With a few of the B class cars in the paddock and an extremely unlucky Mike Harris who after having a beetle stuck in a jet for practice, unfortunately had his rotor arm snap on the warm up lap of the race and couldn't start. However there was still a great race up front between Tom Jones and Ian Prior. On the first lap Ian Prior took the lead into the second chicane. It was a short lived lead as Tom got him back by Old Hall but Ian was stuck to Jones bumper for the entire race and made many challenges. They finished in these positions Jones 1st with a very 'HAPPY' Ian Prior in second. Mike Breedon unfortunately out braked himself into Old Hall and decided to meet the barriers head on, luckily without too much damage to the car and no

damage to himself. Brian Cakebread on lap 3 spun off clipping second placed Ian Prior and was unable to continue.

CLASS AB

Bob Luff made a great start having managed to clear his misfire from practice. Bob being the only AB class car decide to show his car control instead, having his car consistently sideways round Old Hall.

CLASS A

The battle to watch was in class A between Robert Croft and Richard McKoen. The two of them were switching position every lap and side by side most of the time. Croft managed to pip McKoen to the line but only just with Brian Smethurst3rd. A great race to watch

Congratulations to:

John Wilson for race and Class D win.

Joe Parrington for his Class C win

Tom Jones for his Class B win

Bob Luff for his **Class AB** win

Robert Croft for his first **Class A** win

JAMES WHEELER

See MST Timings for Practice and Race results under Results