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Moss- Europe BCV8 Championship 2009

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**2009
Moss-Europe
BCV8 Championship
Race Calendar**

**Round 1
4th April 2009
Donington Park
MGCC**

**Round 2
9th May 2009
MGCC Oulton Park**

**Round 3
25th May 2009
Castle Combe CCRC**

**Round 4
28th June 2009
Thruxton
BARC**

**Round 5
11th July 2009
Silverstone Int'l
MGCC**

**Round 6
Cancelled**

**Rounds 7 & 8
13th September 2009
Cadwell Park**

**Rounds 9 & 10
3rd October 2009
Snetterton
MGCC**

**CONGRATULATIONS
and Well Done to
Steve Okines for a well
deserved BCV8 Overall
Championship Win for 2009.**

The Moss Europe MGCC BCV8 Championship came to a close at an exciting double header for rounds 9 and 10 at the MGCC Snetterton 2 day meeting over the weekend of 3rd & 4th October 2009.

As many are aware, it has been a difficult year for many people, a situation that had a knock on effect to the championship with reduced numbers on the grids. This mainly due to some regular drivers suffering as a result of the financial crisis or illness. In spite of that there have been sufficient drivers attending to fight for the Overall Champion and Class honours in all but Class C where **Phil Walker** has been very supportive of BCV8 as he entered each round knowing that he had no opposition and would only get half points. In spite of that Phil was determined to help BCV8 retain its Championship status for 2010, the kind of spirit and support many drivers have given to BCV8 over the years. We can only hope for a better turn out throughout 2010 as BCV8 has retained its championship status having received its 2010 Permit but will need to maintain a better average grid level than that of 2009.

As we headed for Snetterton it looked like the Overall Champion would be between **Paul Sibley** in Class D and **Steven Okines** in Class A, Steven on 75 points and Paul on 74 points but if anything happened to either of these two then **Ian Prior** on 64 had a chance to catch up over the final two rounds.

So, after a season long programme of 9 rounds (round 6 Mallory Park was cancelled) how did it all end up?

**Moss Europe BCV8 Championship
Rounds 9 & 10,
Snetterton, Saturday 3rd October 2009.**

Practice

Saturday dawned very cool but dry which had an effect on the day as a 45 mph gusting wind whipped up the Norfolk soil and covered everyone and everything in a light film of sand and dust throughout the day. The dust storm also reduced visibility on occasions but that did not stop 20 drivers from taking to the track. On this occasion each driver had to find two quick laps as their best two times would form the grids for rounds 9 and 10.

It was fantastic to welcome **Roy McCarthy** back to BCV8 after all the problems and treatment he has had throughout 2009 knowing that the treatment has now taken its course and he is fit enough to get back to his passion (motor racing of course with his beautiful "little" yellow V8 although he did bring Pam along too!!!). **Welcome back Roy, great to see you out again.**

There were also two newcomers for 2009 in Class B driver **Shane Terry** and Class A driver **Frank Thompson**, welcome each of you hope you enjoyed the day and make a regular outing with BCV8 in 2010.

Victoria Stone was the first to stop with a puncture after just her out lap which prevented any further action but after fixing the problem she was allowed out in another practice session and would take to the grid later in the day.

Next **Brian Cakebread** was black flagged for oil smoke which was found to be a leak from a sump which he rectified to the satisfaction of the scrutineer ready for the race. On this occasion when the 16 minutes practice came to an end the dust did not settle but **Adrian Beer**



had overall pole from Paul Sibley, Phil Walker had Class C pole, Simon Cripps had Class B pole from Tom Jones, Howard Grundon had Class AB pole and Steven Okines kept his hopes of overall Champion by taking pole for Class A from Rob Muir.

Practice times issued by MGCC at 09:17.

Class A Practice		Positions		
Driver		Class Grid	Time	
Steven Okines	1	14	1:34.074	
Rob Muir	2	16	1:35.868	
Frank Thompson	3	17	1:36.669	
Ian Longhurst	4	18	1:36.715	
Bob Fisher	5	19	1:39.452	
Victoria Stones	6	20	No time	

Class AB Practice		Positions		
Driver		Class Grid	Time	
Howard Grundon	1	13	1:33.971	
Brian Smethurst	2	15	1:35.734	

Class B Practice		Positions		
Driver		Class Grid	Time	
Simon Cripps	1	6	1:24.602	
Tom Jones	2	7	1:25.150	
James Wheeler	3	8	1:25.439	
Jonnie Wheeler	4	9	1:25.747	
Ian Prior	5	10	1:27.361	
Brian Cakebread	6	11	1:31.013	
Shane Terry	7	12	1:31.361	

Class C Practice		Positions		
Driver		Class Grid	Time	
Phil Walker	1	2	1:23.182	

Class D Practice		Positions		
Driver		Class Grid	Time	
Adrian Beer	1	1	1:15.583	
Paul Sibley	2	2	1:17.444	
Joe Parrington	3	3	1:18.411	
Roy McCarthy	4	4	1:22.752	

ROUND 9

Race Report

As the lights went out to start round 9, Paul Sibley made a good start to head Adrian Beer and Joe Parrington away. Roy McCarthy held on a distant fourth ahead of Phil Walker's Class C car. The battle for honours in Class B was something to keep an eye on as first Tom Jones and then Jonnie and James Wheeler took Simon Cripps with Ian Prior chasing these four all in a tight pack. Howard Grundon had his mirrors full of cars from other Classes to head Class AB but, wait a minute where is Steven Okines, a contender for the 2009 Overall Champion he has not completed the first lap!! Steven could be seen coasting to a halt with no drive just before the bomb hole which left Rob Muir to lead Class A at the end of the first lap.

Class A

With Steven Okines out on lap one with what was later found to be a broken diff Rob Muir had fun with the Class AB V8 cars to have a lights to flag race win followed by Ian Longhurst on a welcome return to BCV8, newcomer Frank

Thompson who could be seen to be really trying with his maroon MGB roadster and Bob Fisher in his MGB GT. Victoria Stones retired on lap 6.

Class AB

Howard Grundon had the edge over Brian Smethurst in the MGB GT V8 class taking a lights to flag victory to keep his ambitions of Class Champion on track.

Class B

Simon Cripps had done a fantastic job to put his car on Class B pole position but could not maintain the advantage as he was swamped at the start to be led home at the end of lap one by Tom Jones, Jonnie Wheeler and James Wheeler. Unfortunately for Simon he would only manage one lap before retiring with a broken half shaft leaving Tom Jones, Jonnie Wheeler, James Wheeler and Ian prior to fight for the class win. Tom and James having a very close battle but Tom set fastest lap for the class and managed to maintain the advantage at the flag to take a well earned class win. Ian Prior kept his hope alive with a determined drive to 3rd in Class B ahead of Jonnie Wheeler with Shane Terry enjoying a good run to 5th in Class on his first outing of 2009. Good close racing from all in this class kept the spectators warm throughout.

Class C

Phil Walker continues to be the lone driver in Class C, a credit to Phil in a blatant attempt to keep BCV8 alive by entering every round in 2009, many thanks Phil, I hope we can drum up some more drivers for Class C in 2010. The cars are out there it is a shame to keep them off the circuit and we cannot expect Phil to keep coming out on his own. If we cannot get drivers and cars into Class C we may consider abandoning the class or changing the regs to suit additional cars. **Air your views at the annual AGM on 14 November 2009.**

Class D

Paul Sibley needed to set fastest lap and take a win to keep his hopes alive and as he crossed the line leading overall ahead of Adrian Beer at the end of the first lap it looked a strong possibility. Joe Parrington was close behind these two with a small gap further back to Roy McCarthy. Roy keeping in touch until his diff gave up and he lost drive on lap 6 and had to retire

Paul and Adrian continued to give a masterful display of fast but safe driving for the first 7 laps when Adrian finally got past to take the lead with Paul not far behind until he had to retire on lap 13 when the water temperature shot sky high leaving Joe Parrington to take 2nd at the flag.

Congratulations to

Adrian Beer	- Overall and 1st in Class D
Phil Walker	- 1st in Class C
Tom Jones	- 1st in Class B
Howard Grundon	- 1 st in Class AB
Rob Muir	- 1st in Class A



Round 9 Race Results

Class D		Best Lap
Adrian Beer	FL	1:16.019
Joe Parrington		1:18.929
Paul Sibley	dnf	1:17.289
Roy McCarthy	dnf	1:21.675

Class C	Driver	Positions
Phil Walker	FL	1:23.840

Class B		Best Lap
Tom Jones	FL	1:24.294
James Wheeler		1:25.187
Ian Prior		1:26.224
Jonnie Wheeler		1:24.783
Shane Terry		1:32.332
Brian Cakebread	dnf	1:28.984
Simon Cripps	dnf	1:38.598

Class AB		Best Lap
Howard Grundon	FL	1:33.815
Brian Smethurst		1:35.399

Class A		Best Lap
Rob Muir	FL	1:33.626
Ian Longhurst		1:35.591
Frank Thompson		1:36.563
Bob Fisher		1:37.269
Victoria Stones	dnf	1:36.598
Steve Okines	dnf	-

What a difference the result of Round 9 made with Steven and Paul not finishing or setting fastest laps this allowed Ian Prior 3rd in Class B to catch up leaving 3 drivers with a good chance of taking the 2009 Overall Champions slot going into round 10 with Steven on 77 points, Paul on 76 points and Ian now on 73 points. This simply meant each driver had to win his class and set fastest lap to be sure of taking any advantage of a poor result by any of the other two. No pressure there then especially when Ian Prior found out his diff too had gone by the time he got back to the paddock!!!!

The friendly attitude of the BCV8 drivers came to the rescue after round nine with differentials being found and swapped left right and centre which meant Steven Okines and Ian Prior would both be able to start round 10 later in the day. Paul Sibly found he had lost a lot of water and recovered the situation also to be ready for round 10 so the chase was on now again for these three drivers.

Practice times for round 10.

2nd Fastest time from the one practice session.

Class A Practice		Positions
Driver	Class Grid	Time
Steven Okines	1	14 1:34:535
Rob Muir	2	15 1:36.276
Frank Thompson	3	16 1:37.297
Ian Longhurst	4	17 1:36.737
Bob Fisher	5	19 1:40.050
Victoria Stones	6	20 No time

Class AB Practice		Positions
Driver	Class Grid	Time
Howard Grundon	1	13 1:34.120
Brian Smethurst	2	18 1:38.069

Class B Practice		Positions
Driver	Class Grid	Time
Simon Cripps	1	6 1:25.046

James Wheeler	2	7 1:25.458
Tom Jones	3	8 1:25.795
Jonnie Wheeler	4	9 1:25.806
Ian Prior	5	10 1:27.622
Shane Terry	6	11 1:32.213
Brian Cakebread	7	12 1:32.431

Class C Practice		Positions
Driver	Class Grid	Time
Phil Walker	1	5 1:23.387

Class D Practice		Positions
Driver	Class Grid	Time
Adrian Beer	1	1 1:16.391
Paul Sibley	2	2 1:17.516
Joe Parrington	3	3 1:18.742
Roy McCarthy	4	4 1:22.847

ROUND 10

Race Report

Adrian Beer got swamped at the start to be led round the first lap by Paul Sibley and Joe Parrington. Unfortunately Roy McCarthy found he had a suspected broken diff and could not get his car ready to start round 10. Phil Walker was 4th overall followed by a repeat battle for Class B honours, again Simon Cripps was left at the start to be down in 5th in Class B behind a close battle with Tom Jones, James Wheeler, Ian Prior and Jonnie Wheeler. Howard Grundon headed Class AB with Steven Okines having replaced his broken diff now in his familiar position at the head of Class A being chased by Ian Longhurst and Rob Muir.

Class D.

Paul Sibley led Joe Parrington from Adrian Beer as they completed lap one but Adrian made progress on lap two passing Joe to chase Paul. These two circulating as one until Adrian finally took the lead on lap 12 to win overall and Class D at the flag. Paul came a close 2nd with Joe further back in 3rd place.

Class C.

Phil Walker had another lonely race in Class C.

Class B.

Class B was definitely the one to watch. Ian Prior hoped to win the Class and set fastest lap to have any chance of taking the Overall Championship but he had a massive battle on his hands as Tom Jones and James Wheeler put on a fantastic dice from lights to the last lap. Whilst they were busy watching each other Ian Prior snuck up and took them both at the line to win Class B with Tom in 2nd and James in 3rd. Close behind these three Jonnie Wheeler had been keeping a watching brief but had to settle for 4th ahead of Simon Cripps, who was being chased by Shane Terry.

Class AB.

Howard Grundon had a comfortable lead over class rival Brian Smethurst at the flag but Howard had to work for it amongst cars from other classes throughout.

Class A.

Steven Okines took a comfortable lights to flag win in Class A followed home by Rob Muir, who

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set fastest Class A lap, Ian Longhurst Victoria stones and Bob Fisher.

Even though Rob Muir had set fastest lap, in terms of total points at the end of round 10 Steven had done enough to have the most points and be classed as provisional 2009 Overall Moss Europe MGCC BCV8 Champion. There are a few checks to be made to make it official but after supporting BCV8 all year and having a good track record Steven is a worthy Overall Champion.

Congratulations to

Adrian Beer - Overall and 1st in Class D
Phil Walker – 1st in Class C
Ian Prior – 1st in Class B
Howard Grundon – 1st in Class AB
Steven Okines – 1st in Class A

Round 10 Race Results

Class D		Best Lap
	Adrian Beer	FL 1:16.124
	Paul Sibley	1:17.224
	Joe Parrington	1:17.742
Class C	Phil Walker	FL 1:24.047
Class B	Ian Prior	1:24.884
	Tom Jones	FL 1:24.229
	James Wheeler	1:24.337
	Jonnie Wheeler	1:24.780
	Simon Cripps	1:25.302
	Shane Terry	1:31.301
	Brian Cakebread	dnf 1:28.654
Class AB	Howard Grundon	FL 1:33.225
	Brian Smethurst	1:35.142
Class A	Steve Okines	1:34.673
	Rob Muir	FL 1:33.918
	Ian Longhurst	1:36.418
	Victoria Stones	1:36.993
	Bob Fisher	1:39.182
	Frank Thompson	dnf 1:35.649

DINNER DANCE & AWARDS NIGHT... SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2009 HELLIDON LAKES HOTEL DAVENTRY, NORTHAMPTON.

Unlike previous years, drivers should book both an hotel room and the dinner through Pam as we have taken a block booking of rooms as well as booking a function room.

Full details and booking arrangements are attached to this Newsletter. Please complete the form and send it to Pam as soon as possible as we may need to book extra rooms and so don't delay send off your Award and Dinner booking form today, **best by fax or e mail so it doesn't get stuck in the Post.**

The Hotel has many facilities as well as a Golf Course, walks in the countryside and possibilities for other activities including an option for a BCV8 Class competition in the

bowling alley if sufficient people want to have a go. Could be a good way of clearing the head on Sunday after the evening's activities.

ANNUAL GENERAL AND DRIVERS MEETING - Sat 14th November 2009, 2pm – 5pm at Hellidon Lakes Hotel

All Registered and BCV8 Interested drivers please put this date in your diary. If you don't think you can make the evening Dinner Dance on the 14th November we would be pleased if you could try and attend the Drivers Meeting.

Your Championship Needs You and your input. Best wishes to everyone,
Mike Breedon.

PAMS PANOPTICS

BCV8 CHAMPIONSHIP 2010

We have one, MSA have confirmed that the Permit will be issued and the Application has already been sent. We just need to confirm the Calendar and the Regulations at the AGM.

AGM DOCUMENTS

Please find attached copy of the AGM Agenda for 2009 and a copy of the Minutes from the AGM of 15th November 2008. If you are attending the 2009 AGM, and as Mike says Your Championship Needs You, please copy them and bring along to the Hellidon Lakes Hotel on the 14th November.

DINNER DANCE

All the allocated rooms have now been taken but we can still arrange some extra accommodation if any 'late entries' arrive. Still just about time to get your forms in.

RAFFLE

As in previous years we will be holding a Raffle so all gifts are welcome. Please let me know that you will be bringing things along so I can organise the necessary help from the Championship Ladies 'Sub committee'

FINAL 2009 POINTS TABLE

Points Table now confirmed, **NOTHING** wrong with Steven Okines Car and full points attached together with Points Countdown.

The comments and views expressed in this Newsletter are purely personal and do not necessarily reflect those of the Committee, sponsors or the Championship.

BCV8 CHAMPIONSHIP 2009
FINAL POINTS
8 ROUNDS (SEVEN TO COUNT)

CLASS A	9	Stephen Okines	91	1
CLASS B	58	Ian Prior	86	1
CLASS D	96	Paul Sibley	86	1
	35	Tom Jones	80	2
	87	Joe Parrington	69	2
CLASS AB	18	Howard Grunden	67	1
	31	Jonnie Wheeler	67	3
	6	Victoria Stone	66	2
CLASS C	83	Phil Walker	61	1
	84	Peter Collis	59	3
	30	James Wheeler	57	
	5	Bob Fisher	56	3
	22	Brian Smethurst	55	2
	97	Adrian Beer	53	
	3	Rob Muir	38	
	51	Russ McCarthy	37	
	2	Ian Longhurst	31	
	10	Terry Savory	26	
	4	Barry Proud	24	
	34	Brian Cakebread	22	
	46	Simon Cripps	19	
	33	Max Cawthorn	16	
	32	Rob Huff	15	
	82	Phil James	14	2
	1 (44)	Peter Samuels	11	
	39	Christina Totty	9	
	75	Martin Hall	9	3
	63	Ron Moorcraft	8	
	92	Roy McCarthy	8	
	41	Babak Farsain	6	
	62	Philip Simpson	2	