

Sports Car Report #5 /07 (January 2007)

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In The words of Robin Williams **Hot, Real Hot, Damm Hot.**

This was another big meeting, 265 entries but well run by the Historic Racing Club. The weather was fine and hot, not what we are used to at Puke at all. 5 sports cars turned out for practice and race one on Saturday and only three finished. The fuel line came loose on Brian's Mallock as he rounded the hairpin turning the car into a fireball. Much to my dismay I saw him exciting the car surrounded by flames as I rounded the corner, fortunately I could see that he was ok but the car was well alight. Damage was limited to the wiring and soft furnishings (seat, belts etc) and the nerves of us all. Special thanks to Roger Herrick and Rodin who managed to stop and lend assistance to put the fire out. As a result of all that obviously there was a restart, which I missed due to a mystery miss that I still haven't found and Richard Wright pulling out due to overheating during the wait. There was to be a second race on Saturday but time ran out. Saturday evening all competitors and crew were invited to a BBQ and beer plus prize giving and live band. What a great idea, everyone had a fab time with talk of "this reminds me of the seventies" and dial a driver(Tracey) being required to get us home. If this keeps up we will all need camper vans.

Sunday was another scorcher with two historic races scheduled but the second race from Saturday was also tacked onto the end of the program giving us three, thanks go to the organizers for that we really did appreciate it. Obviously buy Sunday only 4 sports cars were left and the three races were left to Bill and Richard to fight out as both Chris and I were struggling with the mysterious miss problems on our cars. Bill had an outright win in the handicap well done Bill. He and Richard swapped places on the other races with the points tally now reflecting the days racing. Good to see Doug St George, the new owner of the Orchid special at the track checking things out. Also Bill and Susan Stone wandering about the place. Bill making noises about must get the Mallock finished and going home Saturday night and pulling the front axle out from under the bench and getting enthusiastic, hopefully both will be racing with us soon.

Well that's about it, Oh yea Brian's Mallock is not to bad and will be repaired for the next meet in March. SEE YOU ALL THERE.

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