

Sports Car Report #6 /07 (March 2007)

TACCOC TAUPO MARCH

Another hot two days at the track and another well run TACCOC meeting with no major incidents over the two days but plenty of minor ones and some panel damage amongst the saloon car boys.

5 sports cars at the beginning of the weekend and a good turn out in the historic field. Everyone was delighted/stunned to see Brian back with the Mallock after the fire. The rebuild turning into a major with the Mallock stripped to the last nut and bolt and rebuilding from the chassis up with new paint and panels along with all the other parts that burnt. Well-done Brian, getting it done in such a short time and only the throttle cable coming loose and a small oil leak to plague your weekend.

Saturday saw some good close racing and we all had a pretty good day. Unfortunately Ross broke a lower trunnion on the Humber 80 Special and that was the end of his weekend. Sunday was the repeat of Saturday good close racing and only minor problems all round.

The usually ultra quick and reliable Beowolf was having a few issues and when Richard finally cured the miss he was rewarded with a small electrical melt down. Richard is now saying that's it for this season and a full rebuild is on for winter. (God help us all next year he will be the man to beat I think.)

Bill and the mighty Mogal was the leader at this meeting and after about 3 laps you could hardly get near him. So the hint here is to pass Bill before he gets on the case (about 3 laps) and then block like crazy?

As for me I had a trouble free weekend except for the odd excursion off the hard stuff. Well that's about it for Taupo and we race again this weekend at Puke, hopefully the weather will again be kind.

SEE YOU ALL THERE

P.S. There is talk, that the Kato is close to a sale with a couple of people interested. Also the Mk6 Mallock I emailed about is for sale (around 12k with a covered trailer) it is a 1989 replica of a Mk6 almost perfect in every detail and ready to race except for belts. UNFORTUNATLY my talk with John Holmes (TACCOC) was concluded with, "age counts for everything," so I guess it won't be allowed to run in historics at TACCOC meetings. This in my opinion is a real shame, as we should be trying to encourage people to compete and not be putting barriers in the way

Alan Service
Sports Car Coordinator