

Round 3 Report - 2007



Pro Class Winning Driver Phil Glew - Zen Performance

40 cars started the day at round 3 at the Knockhill Circuit in Scotland, double the amount from 2006, an indication of how the Time Attack series is growing at an amazing pace.

Drivers travelled from all over the UK, some making round trips of over 1000 miles to compete, that's dedication to the scene and the series and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for putting in so much effort this season.

As ever the Knockhill Circuit had its own weather system, brilliant sunshine followed by black skies and torrential rain but this wasn't going to put the TA drivers off for one minute and made for a very special day.

CLUB N/A CLASS

The N/A class has so far been a very close fought battle with a few points separating the field since Nadine Geary returned to the series in the huge Dodge Viper. The lighter cars of Simon Miskelly (DC5), Dixon Cheng (DC2) and Jeff Mileham (E30) should have had the advantage at the twisty technical location of Knockhill but Nadine was not having any of that. The first run out saw Nadine post a blistering 1:01.087 and had her 13 overall across the club and pro classes, Dixon came back with a 1:03.492 followed by Simon Miskelly with a 1:05.452.



(Nadine Geary - Viper)

In the next practice session Nadine continued her assault posting a time of 1:00.154, Jeff Mileham got his mojo back and came out with a 1:02.347 with Dixon and Simon trailing behind.

This continued throughout the sessions with all four NA drivers switching places, pipping each other only to get pipped themselves, back and forth.



(Simon Miskelly Integra DC5)

For the Final, the heavens opened and the track was more like a swimming pool than a race track, the drivers carried on regardless, finding grip in places that you wouldn't believe possible and showing heart where most would have packed up and gone home, Nadine flew over the start finish line with an amazing 1:07.751, Second place was taken by Simon Miskelly with 1:09.532, Dixon took 3rd with 1:10.017 and Jeff's mojo went missing again with a fourth place time of 1:13.255.



(Dixon Cheng Integra DC2)

There is EVERYTHING to play for now in the final at Brands Hatch in the N/A club class, let hope Jeff finds his mojo!

CLUB FORCED INDUCTION CLASS

With Ron Kiddell out of the running for Knockhill the points table was wide open to the drivers running a few points behind his 22.



(Extreme's George Orr)

Kev Horsley in his GC8 took advantage of Kiddell's absence and drove like his life depended on it all day with Kev Atkins knocking on his back door to maximum points, local entrants Extreme Motorsport with their evo 6 driven by George Orr were unbeatable from the beginning, a car which should find its way into pro for next season, Mike Payne of Bigpower fame came into his own with some fantastic times throughout the day and Steve 'oh my god - i've broken it again' Darley was on form this time round.



(Horsley - GC8 Impreza)

Orr's times were on par and better than some of the pro drivers, a well presented car and a driver with local knowledge was proving hard to beat, at one stage he posted a 53.963, 2nd fastest time of the day overall.

Oliver Crawford's EP3 Civic was electric and with some great driving was hitting 1:02s & 1:03's all day long, even in the wet a 1:04.525, a brilliant result against the higher powered cars on the field.



(Atkins - CP9A Evo 6)

The finals of the F/I class were also marred by torrential rain and a majority decision saw the cars out on track with a special dispensation for this round of 2 flying laps to allow for the horrendous weather conditions, Orr's skill and knowledge came in handy as he took the first place with a 59.330, as he is only entered for this round he was not eligible for point scoring but held on to his well deserved trophy, second place Kev horsley with a 1:03.150 grabbed the top points on the day with 10 for first place and an extra point for the fastest scoring lap putting him in second place on the overall championship series table, Kev Atkins took 3rd with 1:04.154 putting him in the lead of the series with one round to go. Oliver Crawford's 1:04.525 gave him 4th, Buckley Skinner took a well earned 5th with 1:05.694 with Phil Burdock taking 6th with 1:06.349.

In 7th Michael 'Bigpower' Payne came through with a 1:06.542 closely followed by Phil 'Dil' England with a 1:06.578, 'Oh my god' Darley grabbed 9th with a 1:06.651 and Sam Kerr grabbed 2 points with 10th place and 1:07.119, the last point scoring place going to Steve Fitzpatrick from Team Fitzy with a 1:08.617, his first outing of the season after suffering mechanical problems so far this year.

PRO CLASS



A new face joined the Pro class for this round, Jimmy McRae of WRC fame was welcomed into the series driving the Autosportif/TEIN Impreza GC8 which was due to be driven by BTCC's Phil Bennet.



The day started well for the pro class runners with seconds separating the top spot drivers all day, Phil Glew took the driving seat in the Zen Performance monster for a second time this season after his debut at Donnington and round 1, He gelled with the car brilliantly, man and machine were one from the first practice session flying round in an awesome time of 53.450, knocked of the top spot only once during the day by McRae and even then only beaten by .017sec, simply amazing!

Olly Clark seemed to settle down early to running faultlessly in the Roger Clark GC8 and sticking in the top 5 throughout the day, McRae too posted some great times proving that the Autosportif car will be one to watch for at Brands in September.



Also on form were Steve Guglielmi in his Audi powered Elise S1 and the two RC Development Evo's driven by Martin 'Pookie-powered' Green and Clive Seddon, Green having the edge on Seddon throughout the day.

A dry warm up and practice saw the cars hitting outstanding speeds and times, keeping the crowds entertained in true Time Attack fashion then the black clouds appeared, the rain came down and the Super Battle Qualifying session. where usually the top 10 cars go through to the final was red flagged for safety, At one stage it was so bad that the finals looked like they would be cancelled as heavy spray and a waterlogged track would have had the drivers in a dangerous position considering that there were many drivers who had never driven the Knockhill beast before.

A show of hands, a few changes to tyres and the finals were on, the rain was still hammering the track and the drivers did extremely well considering the conditions.



McRae posted a 1:00.615 on his second lap and hit the top of the leaderboard, a 1:01.646 from Green on his third lap and a 1:01.845 from Seddon gave the boys an early lead, Steve Guglielmi hit 1:03.634 on his fourth lap followed by Rob Barnes with a 1:05.550, Andy Harvey and Andy Barnes also posting their quickest times along with Adrian Smith from Fensport in the lap, Then the tables turned, POW, our came Glew with a 57.704 in the fifth with Oilly Clark chewing his bumper with a 58.767, things were looking great and the spectators will still stuck to the fences awaiting the results, disaster struck for Seddon on the 5th lap coming into the final hairpin, the car headed straight on, into the gravel and ended in the tyre wall with Green tenths of a second behind him, Green managed to keep out of the wall and on the black stuff (with a short gravel diversion),

Also on the 5th Lap the now Pink Sumo Power Evo driven by Rob Barnes took an unwelcome trip to the gravel at Scotsman corner although the car sustained only minor cosmetic damage to the bumper his session was over, .



So with the end of the Super Battle final, Zen's Glew piloted Impreza took the top step, Clark in 2nd, McRae 3rd, Green 4th, Seddon 5th, Guglielmi 6th, Rob Barnes 7th, Harvey 8th, Andy Barnes 9th and Darren Robinson 10th, John Terzidis who travelled from Athen to compete finished just outside the top 10 in 11th place followed by Smith and Whincup.

Well done to all drivers who took part and a massive thank you to the crowds who stuck it out late into the evening who turned out to support the Time Attackers.

Round 4 of the season takes place at Brands Hatch Circuit on September 2nd, to book your tickets please visit the Time Attack shop.

The points tables have new leaders! Check them for more info and you can also download the MST timings [HERE](#)

The gallery will be updated shortly [HERE](#)

And here are the winners...

PRO CLASS



Pro Class Winners

(L-R Oilly Clark 2nd / Phil Glew 1st / Jimmy McRae 3rd)

Jimmy Mcrae's Team sponsor Ikuta San from TEIN receives the trophy

CLUB CHALLENGE



Club Challenge Naturally Aspirated Winners

(L-R Simon Miskelly 2nd / Nadine Geary 1st / Dixon Cheng 3rd)



Club Challenge Forced Induction Winners

(L-R Kev Horsley 2nd / George Orr 1st / Kev Atkins 3rd)