

Rash of records

The Ingliston circuit in hosting the Robertson's of Cardenden Talbot meeting, enjoyed excellent weather on Sunday, when a seven event programme saw a rash of lap records established and several new names feature in the awards.

After a hilarious charity bicycle event won by George Coghill and his mechanic, the "slower" Formula Fords set out for 10 laps, led initially by Arch Cromar, March 708 only to be overwhelmed by a quartet headed by the Crosslé 25F of Ralph Halley celebrating his return to the track with a win.

The first GT, 10 lap heat found Doug Niven's VW Beetle in front, from pole, with Laurence Jacobsen, centrally seated in his new 2-litre Imp, forcing the Border Reiver to work hard to keep the sparkling Cuthbertson Foods/Rosetta Juices car behind until gear selection problems forced Jacobsen to stop.

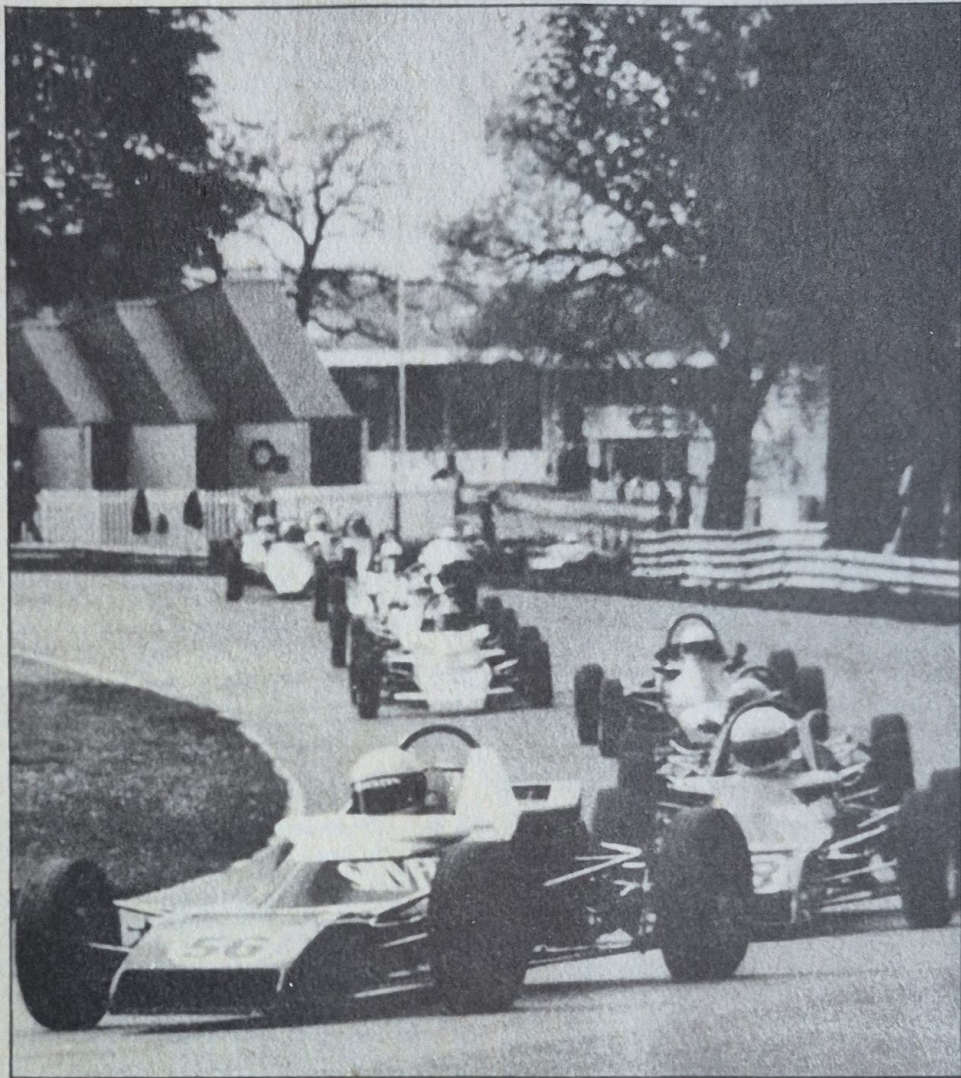
The second 10 lap heat for 1 litre GTs saw George Coghill taking advantage of a start line meleé, as Ricky Gauld pulled his Stiletto off, and several cars hit, Bob Leckie (Imp) and David Ogilvy continuing despite body damage. Jim McGaughay in the Forth Electrical Imp harried the leader, taking command of the race as Coghill slowed and eventually retired. However, streaking his Davrian through from fifth place, came Kenny Coleman, who overwhelmed Leckie then McGaughay by half distance.

A smallish field of clubmans cars contested the Adam Wylie Trophy race, which found Kenny Allen from pole being usurped by the Agra Mallock driven by John Fyda who inexorably pulled away over the 10 laps while the second round in the Shell Championship and Laidlaw FF north British Championship looked on practice form, to be a Tom Brown benefit but it was Keith Wickham who led until he left the door open at Arena and Brown sought the inside, the cars hitting and spinning, Brown restarting in 6th place. This left Bryan Gowans to win, though Brown took fourth place on the final lap.

Probably the most hectic race at Ingliston for some time followed as GT cars embarked on a 15 laps final for the Charlie Parker Trophy, led away, as expected, by the VW Beetle. However a broken drive shaft eliminated Niven after 3 laps leaving a no quarter battle for his place, inherited first by Murray Burgess, whose Escort Chevy had to give way to the experience of Jimmy Robertson (Skoda), who two laps later missed a gear, spun and retired, both the car and driver overheated, leaving Burgess to take the flag.

The Libre 15 lapper closing the day was led throughout by Andy Barton.

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The Van Diemens of Keith Wickham and Tom Brown led until they tangled.

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The Laidlaw Trophy for FF 1600, (10 laps): 1, Ralph Halley (Crosslé-Scholar 25F), 9m 25.5s, 65.57mph; 2, Chick Stenhouse (Van Diemen-Auriga RF 79), 9m 25.9s; 3, Ron Whittaker (Image FF), 9m 26.0s; 4, Colin Birbeck (Royale Scholar RP26), 9m 26.7s; 5, Arch Cromar (March 708), 9m 27.4s; 6, Tony Allinson (Van Diemen-Scholar RF 78), 9m 31.4s. **Fastest lap:** Gordon Stephenson (PRS), 54.9s, 67.54mph.

GT cars over 1000cc, heat one, (10 laps): 1, Doug Niven (5.0 VW Beetle), 8m 55.6s; 2, Murray Burgess (4.7 Escort RS/Chevy), 9m 15.4s; 3, Eric Paterson (1.3 Colvend Imp), 9m 20.0s; 4, Angus Young (1.1 Agra Davrian), 9m 23.7s; 5, Jim Pinkerton (1.3 Mini Cooper S), 9m 29.3s; 6, Jimmy Robertson (1.3 Skoda Coupé), 9m 30.2s. **Over 1500cc:** 1, Niven; 2, Burgess; 3, Geoff Todd (5.3 Chevrolet Corvette). **Fastest lap:** Niven, 49.9s (record). **1001-1500cc:** 1, Paterson; 2, Young; 3, Pinkerton. **Fastest lap:** Paterson, 53.6s, 69.18mph (record).

GT cars up to 1000cc, heat two, (10 laps): 1, Kenny Coleman (1.0 Davrian), 9m 08.3s; 2, Jim McGaughay (1.0 F.E.S. Imp), 9m 11.0s; 3, Bob Leckie (1.0 Hillman Imp), 9m 23.7s; 4, David Ogilvy (1.0 Sunbeam Stiletto), 9m 27.4s; 5, Martin Dunn (1.0 Hillman Imp), 9m 44.2s; 6, George Gunn (1.0 Davrian Imp), 9m 44.8. **fastest lap:** Coleman, 53.2s, 69.70mph (record).

The Adam Wylie Trophy for Clubmans Sports Cars (10 laps): 1, John Fyda (1.7 Agra Mallock 18B), 7m 59.6s; 2, Kenny Allen (1.6 Mallock Mk 20), 8m 06.9s; 3, Andy Smith (1.7 Mallock 20B), 8m 16.9s; 4, John Mackie (1.7 Mallock 18BW), 8m 19.4s; 5, John Barr (1.6 Mallock Mk 19), 8m 30.6s; 6, Clive Reeves (1.6 Magnum 79B), 8m 02.0s. **Class A:** 1, Fyda; 2, Allen; 3, Smith. **Fastest lap:** Fyda, 47.0s, 78.89mph. **Class B:** 1, Reeves; 2, Graham Sword (Mallock U2 Mk 16); 3, Kevin McCormick (Mallock 20B). **Fastest lap:** Sword, 51.8s, 71.58mph.

Shell Championship for FF 1600, (12 laps): 1, Bryan Gowans (PRS Scholar), 10m 58.7s; 2, Roy Low (Van Diemen Minister RF78), 11m 02.1s; 3, Vic Covey (PRS Auriga), 11m 05.8s; 4, Tom Brown (Van Diemen Auriga), 11m 06.0s; 5, Duncan Hall (Royale Agra RP26), 11m 06.8s; 6, Allan Bremner (Hawke-Agra DL15), 11m 13.2s. **Fastest lap:** Brown, 53.3s; 69.57mph (record).

Charlie Parker Trophy for GT cars, final, (15 laps): 1, Murray Burgess (4.7 Escort RS/Chevy), 13m 50.4s; 66.98mph; 2, Eric Paterson (1.3 Colvend Imp), 13m 54.2s; 3, Kenny Coleman (1.0 Davrian), 13m 54.7s; 4, David Ogilvy (1.0 Sunbeam Stiletto), 13m 55.7s; 5, Angus Young (1.1 Agra Davrian), 14m 08.5s; 6, Alan Ritchie (1.2 Davrian Mk 6), 14m 26.9s. **Over 1500cc:** 1, Burgess; 2, Geoff Todd (5.3 Chevrolet Corvette); no other finishers. **Fastest lap:** Burgess, 49.0s, 75.67mph (record). **1001-1500cc:** 1, Paterson; 2, Young; 3, Ritchie. **Fastest lap:** Jimmy Robertson, 53.3s, 69.57mph (record). **Up to 1000cc:** 1, Coleman; 2, Ogilvy; 3, Harvey Gillanders (1.0 Chessman Imp). **Fastest lap:** Coleman, 53.5s, 69.31mph (record).

Glasgow Herald Race for Libre Cars, (15 laps): 1, Andy Barton (1.6 March 78/79B), 11m 31.2s, 80.47mph; 2, Stuart Lawson (2.0 March 772P), 11m 31.5s; 3, Jim Stevenson (2.0 March 782), 11m 32.4s; 4, David Duffield (1.6 Ralt RT1), 11m 41.6s; 5, George McMillan (2.0 March 772P), 11m 51.3s; 6, Colin Richardson (1.6 March 77B), 11m 59.0s. **Up to 1600cc:** 1, Barton; 2, Duffield; 3, Richardson. **Fastest lap:** Barton, 45.5s, 81.49mph. **Over 1600cc:** 1, Lawson; 2, Stevenson; 3, McMillan. **Fastest lap:** Stevenson, 45.2s, 82.04mph (record).