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Sim does it again

IT WAS manufacturer time again at the Scottish Motor Racing Club meeting at Ingliston last Sunday, with GM Dealer Sport adding their name to the proceedings. Round eight of the Astra Challenge brought the programme up to 10 races, punctuated by demonstrations from John Cleland in the Thundersaloons Senator and Ron Cumming in his March . . . which is sponsored by GM dealers Simpson Motors, in case you were wondering.

Lance Gauld celebrated his return to Ingliston with pole in the FF1600 junior race, but he dropped back to fourth after selecting bottom gear at Caravan on lap two. Colin Harper took the lead, and two laps later Ewen Buchan passed Tony Gemmell for second at Closk. Unfortunately he did so under a yellow flag, and was penalised 10 seconds for it.

Records fell everywhere in the modified saloon/sports race, but the dominant driver was Martin Dunn, who ran away with the event in his Davrian. At first he was chased by Ray MacDowall, Tom Bell and David Leslie, but they soon retired with overheating, and clutch troubles respectively, leaving second to the Davrian of Peter Chamberlain.

John Fyda led the sports car race for six laps in his Vision before accidentally switching off the fuel pump. This dropped him behind Kenny Allen, in Sandy Watson's Vision, and a lap later David Leslie passed them both in the Ecosse-DFV. Then Leslie repeated Fyda's mistake and dropped to second, later being outbraked down to third by Allen at the hairpin.

Series leader Warren Hunt gradually worked his way up from fifth in the Astra Challenge race, reaching second on lap 10 when David Beesley overdid it at the hairpin. Steve Easton lost his lead to Hunt half a lap later and was passed by Beesley at Southstand shortly after that.

GT drivers Ron Cumming (Esprit) and Bill Paul (AC) had lonely races in first and second, but for a while there was a great battle for third between Eric Munnoch's Davrian and Ian Forrest's Imp. Forrest's gearbox expired on lap eight, to leave fourth to Ricky Gauld's Davrian.

Stuart Gray dominated the road sports car event in his shiny Caterham, while Allan McGregor fought his way up from the back of the grid in his similar car, taking second from Hamish Ogilvie on the last lap.

At the head of a train of six cars for most of the way, Andy Sim won the FF1600 Senior race in fine style. Colin Birkbeck spun out of second on lap six, letting Cameron Binnie take over, and Harvey Gillanders moved into third at the hairpin on lap 10, just as Willie Rose was tangling with Roy Low.

After a poor start, blamed on the new close-ratio gearbox, Iain Gardner ran away with the small-capacity road saloons race in his 205. Brian Beverley hurled his Avenger to second, his best race result ever, and Olly Ross took third in his suspiciously-suspended Fiesta after a hugely entertaining dice with Jimmy Fleming, the latter's Toyota being accidentally nudged down to fifth at Arena on lap nine.

The battling Reynards of Stewart Roden and Tom Brown finished in that order after an enthralling FF2000 race, Roden slipping inside Brown at Clock after eight close laps. Campbell Chisholm took third from Neil Cochrane at Lefthander on lap five.

A connection in the Esses between Tom Bell and Howard Fowler stopped the over 1600cc road saloons event after three laps. Hugh Chalmers won on aggregate after the restart on what was now a very wet track, second being taken by Iain Gardner in the 1.9-litre 205 rally car.

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Allen, 45.9s (80.78 mph). Clubmans B: 1, N. Bridge (1.6 Mallock Mk27), 10m 05.3s (73.51 mph); 2, A. Smith (1.6 Mallock); 3, F. Lethbridge (1.6 Mallock Mk25). Fastest lap: Bridge, 49.7s (74.61 mph) record. Sports cars: 1, Leslie, 9m 30.1s (78.05 mph); 2, K. Bowmaker (2.0 Lola 492). Fastest lap: Leslie, 46.0s (80.61).

Astra Challenge — 12 laps: 1, W. Hunt, 12m 20.6s (60.08 mph); 2, D. Beverley; 3, S. Easton; 4, J. Cleland; 5, G. Newby; 6, S. Chapman. Fastest lap: Easton, 59.6s (62.21 mph) record.

GT Cars — 12 laps: 1, R. Cumming (3.4 Lotus Esprit), 9m 53.1s (75.02 mph); 2, B. Paul (2.0 AC 3000ME); 3, E. Munnoch (1.0 Davrian Mk8); 4, R. Gauld (1.0 Davrian Mk8). Over 1000cc: 1, Cumming; 2, Paul; 3, E. Beerman (2.0 Skoda Coupe). Fastest lap: Cumming, 48.2s (76.93 mph). Up to 1000cc: 1, Munnoch, 10m 28.9s (70.75 mph); 2, Gauld; 3, M. Dunn (1.0 Davrian). Fastest lap: Munnoch, 51.2s (72.42 mph).

Road Sports Cars — 12 laps: 1, S. Gray (1.6 Caterham Super 7), 11m 42.0s (63.38 mph); 2, A. McGregor (1.6 Tester Caterham 7); 3, H. Ogilvie (1.6 Caterham 7); 4, D. Niven (1.6 Dutton Phaeton). Over 1600cc: 1, T. McCallum (2.7 Porsche 911); 3, K. Scott (1.7 Dutton Phaeton S2). Fastest lap: G. McCallum, 59.4s (62.42 mph). Up to 1600cc: 1, Gray; 2, McGregor; 3, Ogilvie. Fastest lap: Gray, 57.3s (64.71 mph).

FF1600 Junior — 12 laps: 1, C. Harper (Van Diemen), 10m 43.4s (69.16 mph); 2, T. Gemmell (Van Diemen); 3, L. Gauld (Van Diemen); 4, A. McPherson (Crossle); 5, G. Wilson (PRS 81); 6, E. Buchan (Van Diemen). Fastest lap: Harper 52.6s (70.49 mph).

Modified Saloons and Sports Cars — 12 laps: 1, M. Dunn (1.0 Davrian), 11m 03.4s (67.07 mph); 2, P. Chamberlain (1.0 Davrian); 3, A. McGregor (1.6 Tester Caterham 7); 4, R. Gauld (1.6 Toyota Corolla). Saloons over 1600cc: 1, L. Emslie (2.3 Mazda RX7), 11m 49.0s (62.76 mph); 2, R. Sarafilovic (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus). Fastest lap: D. Leslie (3.0 Ford Capri), 54.4s (68.16 mph) record. Saloons up to 1600cc: 1, Gauld, 11m 37.7s (63.78 mph); 2, H. Irvine (1.6 VW Golf GTi); 3, O. Ross (1.6 Ford Fiesta). Fastest lap: Irvine, 56.9s (65.17 mph) record. Sports cars: 1, Dunn; 2, Chamberlain; 3, McGregor. Fastest lap: Dunn, 54.2s (68.41 mph) record.

Clubmans and Sports Cars — 12 laps: 1, J. Fyda (1.7 Vision), 9m 28.6s (78.21 mph); 2, K. Allen (1.7 Vision); 3, D. Leslie (3.0 Ecosse C2); 4, E. Paterson (1.7 Vision 85). Clubmans A: 1, Fyda; 2, Allen; 3, Paterson. Fastest lap: Fyda and (3.5 Triumph TR7 V8), 12m 24.7s (59.75 mph); 2, A. McGregor (1.6 Tester Caterham 7); 3, H. Ogilvie (1.6 Caterham 7); 4, D. Niven (1.6 Dutton Phaeton). Over 1600cc: 1, T. McCallum (3.5 Triumph TR7 V8), 12m 24.7s (59.75 mph); 2, G. McCallum (2.7 Porsche 911); 3, K. Scott (1.7 Dutton Phaeton S2). Fastest lap: G. McCallum, 59.4s (62.42 mph). Up to 1600cc: 1, Gray; 2, McGregor; 3, Ogilvie. Fastest lap: Gray, 57.3s (64.71 mph).

FF1600 Senior — 12 laps: 1, A. Sim (JBMSL Reynard), 10m 33.1s (70.28 mph); 2, C. Binnie (Van Diemen); 3, H. Gillanders (Van Diemen); 4, C. Harper (Van Diemen); 5, R. Low (Lola 644E); 6, G. Wilson (PRS 81). Fastest lap: Sim, 51.7s (71.72 mph).

Road Saloons up to 1600cc — 12 laps: 1, I. Gardner (1.6 Autofit 205 GTi), 12m 12.3s (60.77 mph); 2, B. Beverley (1.6 Hillman Avenger); 3, O. Ross (1.6 Ford Fiesta); 4, J. Irvine (1.6 VW Golf GTi); 5, J. Fleming (1.6 Toyota Celica); 6, G. Mortimer (1.6 Hillman Avenger). Fastest lap: Gardner, 60.0s (61.80 mph).

FF2000 — 12 laps: 1, S. Roden (Reynard), 9m 53.9s (74.92 mph); 2, T. Brown (Reynard 86SF); 3, Over 1600cc: 1, T. McCallum (3.5 Triumph TR7 V8), 12m 24.7s (59.75 mph); 2, A. McGregor (1.6 Tester Caterham 7); 3, H. Ogilvie (1.6 Caterham 7); 4, D. Niven (1.6 Dutton Phaeton). Over 1600cc: 1, T. McCallum (3.5 Triumph TR7 V8), 12m 24.7s (59.75 mph); 2, G. McCallum (2.7 Porsche 911); 3, K. Scott (1.7 Dutton Phaeton S2). Fastest lap: G. McCallum, 59.4s (62.42 mph). Up to 1600cc: 1, Gray; 2, McGregor; 3, Ogilvie. Fastest lap: Gray, 57.3s (64.71 mph).

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Road Saloons over 1600cc — 3+9 laps: 1, H. Chalmers (2.3 Vauxhall Chevette), 9m 37.5s (57.79 mph); 2, I. Gardner (1.9 Autofit 205 GTi); 3, R. Mitchell (3.0 Ford Capri); 4, R. Irvine (2.0 Ford Escort); 5, A. Cunningham (2.0 Ford Escort); 6, R. Sarafilovic (2.2 Sunbeam Lotus). Fastest lap: Gardner, 63.1s (58.76 mph).