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The generation game

SUNDAY'S Ingliston meeting saw a Formula Ford 1600 race in which the top three placings were monopolised by Junior drivers, Jim Forsyth taking the honours after the experienced Cameron Binnie lost out while battling for the lead.

For the second time this year, the **1300cc Road Saloons** got their own race. After Derek Hastings blew his Imp's gearbox in practice, Alistair McCarter took a safe pole with his Mini and led away. Jimmy Patrick was second to begin with in the steadily improving Colvend Mini but tangled with David Finlay's Nova first time round Arena and later retired with a bent steering arm. Finlay set off after McCarter, and the two of them spent most of the last three laps side-by-side, but it was another win for Scotland's most successful Mini. Ken Hawkins, also Mini-mounted, scored his best result of the season in third ahead of Andrew McKinna's Suzuki.

Front row runners Jim Forsyth and Cameron Binnie were both under the **FF1600** lap record in practice, with Forsyth having a further advantage of 0.09s. He took an early lead in his Swift and held off the challenge from Binnie's Sony Centre/Silverscreen Reynard and Colin Low's Swift. Late in the race they started coming across traffic, and a brief touch of wheels sent Binnie flying. Once he had landed he set off again but could only manage 17th place. Forsyth controlled the remaining laps and won the race by around two and a half seconds from Low. Jason Yeomans won a good battle with Geordie Taylor to make it a one-two-three for this year's top Junior drivers.

Given the high profile of his team, it was fitting that this was the meeting where Iain Cowie set his first pole in the Toyota for the **Road Saloons 1301-1600cc**. He led a tight foursome which included the Fiestas of Alan Keith, Glen Mortimer and David Kerr. Keith pulled out after three laps and Kerr faded slightly, which left Cowie and Mortimer to do battle. By half distance the Corolla had opened up a lead, but Mortimer closed the gap, setting a storming fastest lap as he did so, and was able to pounce when Cowie went too far sideways at Caravan on lap 10. Cowie fought back in the dying stages but overdid it dramatically with only a few hundred yards to go when he shot into the hairpin sideways at about 20mph faster than the laws of physics were prepared to deal with. He ended up on his roof, though with only minor damage in the circumstances. Mortimer thereby won from Kerr, who was delighted with his highest Ingliston placing yet, and Olly Ross, who performed a ferocious move round Arena on the last lap to steal third from Martin Davidson's Fiesta.

As Angus Gray led the **Road Saloons over 1600cc/Sports Cars/Kitcars** field into the Esses on lap one, Neil Gammie was blasting his way past Alaster Cunningham's Manta. It was therefore a Westfield one-two round the first lap, but that changed a lap later when Gammie tried an even hairier move at Arena. This dropped him back a place, which left Cunningham a chance of the lead. He took it shortly afterwards, at Caravan, and simply sailed away from Gray, who was suffering from the sniffles and did not look at all well after the event. Gammie slipped back, unable to offer any more challenges, and there was a distinctly spread out look to the affair by the finish. Ken Thomson's glorious Porsche, which was threatening Cunningham off the startline, held fourth for a few laps before succumbing to fuel starvation, which left Jim Grant with another sports car class win.

The **Citroen 2CV** race was dominated by Graham Harper, who simply trotted off into the distance and was never remotely threatened. Nicholas Runcie made a brilliant start and beat Neil McDonald off the line, and thus prompted the best race of the entire meeting as the two cars swapped positions anything up to three times per lap. It all ended when Runcie had a big moment at Caravan on lap nine and slipped back into the Dougie Anderson/Norman Taylor battle, from which Anderson was not prepared to let him escape.

Allen Johns took another **Clubmans/FF2000** win in the Agra Mallock, this time by getting on for nine seconds. Lap one had not been particularly safe for him though, as he led a string which included Bill Wood's Mallock, Derek Butcher's Reynard and Derek Ferguson's Vision. Ferguson tried a bold move inside Butcher at the hairpin and came out minus his nosecone, an omission which eventually dropped him behind Keith Wickham's Reynard. Butcher challenged Wood for the whole race but never found a way past.

Driving the two litre Simpson Motors/Claymore Shellfish AC this time, Ron Cumming won the **GT/Modified** race after crossing the line virtually at walking pace, having destroyed a rear wheel while lapping traffic. He was already well clear by this time of the battle for second, won by James Mackay's Westfield in spite of hard pressure from Ian Sharp's Davrian. Alaster Cunningham was a lonely fourth ahead of the now customary father/son battle between Duncan and Neil Fisher in Imp and Davrian respectively.

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Road Saloons up to 1300cc Race - 12 laps: 1, A.McCarter (Mini Cooper S) 12m04.27s (61.44mph); 2, D.Finlay (Vauxhall Nova) 12m05.54s; 3, K.Hawkins (Austin Mini) 12m21.12s; 4, A.McKinna (Suzuki Swift) 12m37.43s; 5, P.Emslie (Alfasud) 12m55.24s; 6, P.Maxwell (Mini) 11 laps. Fastest lap: Finlay 59.43s (62.28mph).

FF1600 Race - 12 laps: 1, J.Forsyth (Swift FB89) 10m22.78s (71.45mph); 2, C.Low (Van Diemen RF89) 10m25.18s; 3, J.Yeomans (Swift) 10m29.28s; 4, G.Taylor (Reynard 84FF) 10m29.85s; 5, R.Steedman (Van Diemen RF86) 10m34.43s; 6, A.Jack (Swift) 10m39.49s. Fastest lap: Forsyth 50.95s (72.78mph).

Road Saloons 1301-1600cc Race - 12 laps: 1, G.Mortimer (Ford Fiesta) 11m42.10s (63.38mph); 2, D.Kerr (Ford Fiesta) 11m46.25s; 3, O.Ross (Ford Fiesta) 12m00.50s; 4, M.Davidson (Ford Fiesta) 12m02.13s; 5, M.Rattray (Ford Fiesta) 12m06.56s; 6, A.Hart (Ford Fiesta) 12m10.35s. Fastest lap: Mortimer 57.31s (64.70mph).

Road Saloons over 1600cc, Sports Cars and Kitcars Race - 12 laps: 1, A.Cunningham (Opel Manta) 11m17.68s (65.66mph); 2, A.Gray (Westfield SEi) 11m33.91s; 3, N.Gammie (Westfield SEi) 11m39.83s; 4, J.Peace (Ginetta G27) 11 laps; 5, G.Clarke (Sylva) 11 laps; 6, J.Duncan (Sylva Striker) 11 laps. Class winners: Cunningham, Gray and J.Grant (Lotus Elan). Fastest laps: Cunningham 55.64s (66.64mph); Gammie 56.55s (65.57mph); K.Thomson (Porsche 911) 1m00.43s (61.36mph).

Citroen 2CV Race - 10 laps: 1, G.Harper 12m30.14s (49.43mph); 2, N.McDonald 12m48.75s; 3, D.Anderson 12m56.51s; 4, N.Runcie 12m56.73s; 5, N.Taylor 12m57.35s; 6, A.Rogers 13m30.60s. Fastest lap: Harper 1m13.91s (50.17mph).

Clubmans and FF2000 Race - 12 laps: 1, A.Johns (Mallock Mk.24) 9m40.49s (75.61mph); 2, B.Wood (Mallock Mk.27SG) 9m57.14s; 3, D.Butcher (Reynard 86SF) 9m57.76s; 4, K.Wickham (Reynard) 10m09.75s; 5, D.Ferguson (Vision V88) 10m21.84s; 6, M.Upton (Mallock Mk.20B) 10m39.83s. Class winners: Johns, Butcher and Upton. Fastest laps: Johns 48.02s (77.22mph); Butcher 48.75s (76.06mph); Upton 52.01s (71.29mph).

GT and Modified Race - 12 laps: 1, R.Cumming (AC 3000ME) 10m17.66s (72.04mph); 2, J.Mackay (Westfield) 10m48.27s; 3, I.Sharp (Davrian) 10m48.48s; 4, A.Cunningham (Opel Manta) 10m51.54s; 5, D.Fisher (Imp) 11m00.10s; 6, N.Fisher (Davrian) 11m00.38s. Class winners: Mackay, Cunningham, D.Fisher and C.Simpson (Ford Escort Turbo). Fastest laps: Cumming 47.94s (77.35mph) RECORD; Mackay 52.87s (70.13mph); Cunningham 53.39s (69.45mph); D.Fisher 53.07s; Simpson 53.18s (69.73mph) RECORD.