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Low-key feel at Ingliston

WITH NO manufacturer involvement at this meeting, after the usual summer rush, Ingliston had a more low-key feel to it than recent Scottish meetings.

The day certainly started quietly enough as the **GT and Modified**cars came out. As winner Ron Cumming said afterwards, the point about this race is that the cars are exciting. Certainly there was little doubt that Cumming was going to win as he lapped more than a second faster than anyone else in the Custom Office Furniture Stratos. Ian Sharp had outqualified Brian Fletcher in the battle of the pseudo Davrians for second on the grid, but Fletcher made easily the better start and was well ahead when Sharp retired on lap four. Neil Fisher inherited third from Sharp in his real Davrian, while father (and Fishertruck team-mate) Duncan took fourth in his Imp from Ralph Hutchinson, who had enjoyed a memorable four laps at the beginning of the race carving through traffic in his an empty space on pole. David Finlay took an early lead in the Racetrax Nova and never lost it, though fastest lap and a new record went to Richard Dobson's Galloway Motor Company Citroen AX, which was only half a second behind at the flag.

Campbell Chisholm had the **FF1600** race all his own way in his Reynard, no doubt partly thanks to the non-appearance of Jim Forsyth. Geordie Taylor, in his older Reynard, was the man behind Chisholm, but all his attention was focused on the Swift of Thomas Irvine, who did an excellent job of hounding Taylor all the way. Cameron Binnie, who had the nosecone on the Sony Centre/Silverscreen Reynard knocked sideways in an early incident, could only manage sixth, but that result seems to confirm him as Scottish champion in the class for the umpteenth time.

To begin with, Neil Gammie didn't look like he was going to have an easy time in the **road saloons over 1600cc/sports cars/kitcars** event. He had been outqualified - just - by Angus Gray's Westfield, and off the line he was engulfed by the similar car of Michael Higson. Within half a minute, though, Higson's car was lying crumpled at the Southstand barriers, and at the end of the second lap Gammie whistled through the large gap Gray left at Arena. Gray drove hard from then on, but Gammie was safe, and subtly pushed the point home by taking 0.03s off the class record on the final lap. Alaster Cunningham only just held third in his Manta after a terrific dice with the new Vauxhall-powered Westfield of Brian Sarafilovic.

Norman Taylor held on to the **2CV** lead from start to finish, though Caterham Vauxhall.

The **Clubmans/FF2000** race had to be abandoned soon after the start when Lesley Wood, who had qualified father Bill's Mallock an impressive third, landed in the tyres at Caravan. From the restart it was Derek Ferguson all the way in the Ferguson Seacabs Vision, with Derek Butcher at a loss to keep up in the Knockhill Reynard. Third went to Reg Forrester-Smith, out for the first time in the ex-Andy Smith Vision with which Kenny Allen won this race last time out.

For the first time this season the **1300cc Road Saloons** were given their own race, though unfortunately there were fewer of them in action than at previous meetings. Derek Hastings put in an absolute stormer of a time in qualifying but destroyed his Imp's gearbox shortly afterwards, which left Graham Harper took yet another chunk off his own record in an unsuccessful attempt to get back on terms. Cameron Ritchie picked his way round Jock Russell's accident at the hairpin on lap two and was then unchallenged for third, while Neil McDonald took a safe fourth after his sparring partner Nicholas Runcie went off at Lefthander on lap seven.

David Kerr seemed to have sewn up the **1600cc road saloons** race until his Carl Dyson/Tynecastle Garage Fiesta disappeared in an enormous cloud of smoke. Olly Ross, proud possessor of a new record in the Racetrax Nova, was then able to cruise round to an easy win, since Alan Keith was (a) well behind and (b) having to defend second against the Par's Bakery Fiesta of a well wound-up Paddy Sarafilovic.

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GT and Modified Race - 12 laps: 1. R.Cumming (Lancia Stratos) 9m 56.63s (74.58mph); 2. B.Fletcher (Davrian) 10m 15.54s; 3. N.Fisher (Fishertruck Davrian) 10m 32.40s; 4. D.Fisher (Fishertruck Imp) 11 laps; 5. R.Hutchinson (Caterham Vauxhall) 11 laps; 6. C.Simpson (Ford Escort Turbo) 11 laps. Class winners: Cumming, N.Fisher and D.Fisher. Fastest laps: Cumming 48.68s (76.17mph); N.Fisher 51.68s (71.75mph); D.Fisher 52.35s (70.83mph).

Clubmans and FF2000 Race - 12 laps: 1. D.Ferguson (Vision V85) 9m 45.81s (75.96mph); 2. D.Butcher (Reynard 86SF) 10m 01.39s; 3. R.Forrester-Smith (Marquis Vision) 11 laps; 4. B.Carr (Mallock Mk.16) 11 laps; 5. M.Upton (Mallock Mk.20B) 11 laps. Class winners: Ferguson, Butcher, Carr and Upton. Fastest laps: Ferguson 47.76s (77.64mph); Butcher 49.51s (74.80mph); Carr 55.15s (67.23mph); Upton 54.76s (67.71mph).

Road Saloons up to 1300cc Race - 12 laps: 1. D.Finlay (Racetrax Nova) 11m 48.00s (62.85mph); 2. R.Dobson (Citroen AX Sport) 11m 48.55s; 3. J.Ritchie (Vauxhall Nova) 11m 57.33s; 4. J.Patrick (Colvend Mini) 12m 21.88s. Fastest lap: Dobson 58.18s (63.73mph) RECORD.

FF1600 Race - 12 laps: 1. C.Chisholm (Reynard 90FF) 10m 31.61s (70.45mph); 2. G.Taylor (Reynard 84FF) 10m 32.37s; 3. T.Irvine (Swift) 10m 32.56s; 4. S.Thorburn (Reynard 89FF) 10m 39.12s; 5. C.Birkbeck (Swift) 10m 39.56s; 6. C.Binnie (Reynard 91FF) 10m 45.38s. Fastest lap: Chisholm 51.15s (72.49mph).

Road Saloons over 1600cc, Sports Cars and Kitcars - 12 laps: 1. N.Gammie (Westfield SEi) 11m 01.19s (67.30mph); 2. A.Gray (Westfield SEi) 11m 03.48s; 3. A.Cunningham (Opel Manta) 11m 25.64s; 4. R.Sarafilovic (Westfield) 11m 25.86s; 5. G.Clarke (Sylva) 11m 52.89s; 6. A.Forsyth (Sylva Striker) 11m 53.93s. Class winners: Gammie, Cunningham and S.Share (Clan Crusader). Fastest laps: Gammie 53.89s (68.81mph) RECORD; Cunningham 56.27s (65.90mph); Share 1m 03.28s (58.60mph).

Citroen 2CV Race - 12 laps: 1. N.Taylor 14m 42.48s (50.42mph); 2. G.Harper 14m 43.07s; 3. C.Ritchie 15m 00.17s; 4. N.McDonald 15m 05.32s; 5. A.Timpson 15m 16.86s; 6. C.Patrick 15m 37.16s. Fastest lap: Harper 1m 12.02s (51.49mph) RECORD.

Road Saloons 1301-1600cc Race - 12 laps: 1. O.Ross (Racetrax Nova) 11m 40.36s (63.53mph); 2. A.Keith (Ford Fiesta) 11m 45.97s; 3. R.Sarafilovic 11m 46.23s; 4. I.Hay (Ford Fiesta) 11m 55.89s; 5. I.Cowie (Toyota Corolla) 11m 56.13s; 6. B.Ewing (Ford Fiesta) 12m 00.11s. Fastest lap: Ross 57.08s (64.96mph) RECORD.