Poetry for Muse

Despite conditions which ranged from the nearly dry to the almost flooded, Sunday's Scottish Championship race meeting at Ingliston was one of the most exciting of the year so far. Stars of the show this time were Kitcars winner Dave Muse, Road Saloons Mini racer Gerry Keirnan, and Jock Mackinnon, whose handling of his Riley Special hugely enlivened the Historic event.

The man in charge of the **Goodyear Eagle Road Saloons** counter was, as ever, Robert Thomson, who won the first - appallingly wet - heat as he liked and held off a determined Colin Gallie in drier conditions later in the afternoon. In that second race, Richard Dobson, whose Citroën AX had looked positively evil through the puddles, was right on the pace of the Novaa and the BMW, but he couldn't close up the enormous 1400cc class lead that Gerry Keirnan had established earlier on.

Ron Cumming built up an early lead in the **Formula Libre** race, but the fastest lap was set by Alex Dobbie, who became visibly more confident in his Ralt as the laps ticked by and started closing on Cumming's March at about half distance. The gap was down to a second by lap eight, when Dobbie went off at Caravan and all but fell into the clutches of Vauxhall Lotus driver Nigel Feeney.

Allan McGregor ended the first lap of each **Historic** heat with a huge lead, and simply strolled to victory in his Formula Junior Cooper. Peter Farrer finished second both times out with his Lotus, though he did have to suffer a few laps in the later race behind Warwick Banks, who was doing a tremendous job against the single-seater opposition with his MGB.

The Pre-War class win went to Jock Mackinnon, who nearly always brought his Riley back from the most extraordinary angles and, on the one occasion when he failed to do so, seemed quite unperturbed at having clattered into the armco on the back straight.

Cameron Ritchie qualified fastest for the **2CV** race and led the first lap, but the man on form was Ian Gibbon, who took over on lap two. A three-car train involving Gibbon, Ritchie and Andrew Timpson soon developed, with Gibbon dropping to the rear after a bumping session at Lefthander. With a sticking throttle to deal with, he still managed to regain the lost places, and crossed the line less than half a second ahead of Ritchie.

The **Formula Ford** race was stopped two laps early when Tony Strugnell crashed his Van Diemen at Caravan. By then, though, it was clear that nobody was going to be able to do anything about Geordie Taylor, who won comfortably and extended his already substantial championship lead. David Taylor held second throughout, fending off Roy Low for seven laps before Low retired and promoted Stuart Thorburn to third.

Roddie Paterson had a lead of nearly a lap when the candle went out in his Darrian and he was forced to pull out of the **Supersports/Kitcars** race, though since he was treating the event as a test session for the rebuilt machine there were no tears about it all afterwards.

Paterson's retirement allowed Dave Muse to take the win after a brilliant drive which included recovering from a huge spin on the back straight. Raddy Sarafilovic held on to second with grim determination, but Olly Ross's attempts to get past became more aggressive as the race wore on, and he finally made it with an almighty lunge on the final lap. **D.F.**

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Formula Libre and Sports Cars - 12 laps: 1, R.Cumming (March 832) 11m 12.64s (66.15mph); 2, A.Dobbie (Ralt); 3, N.Feeney (Vauxhall Lotus); 4, B.Wood (Mallock Mk27); 5, B.Carr (Tiga-Cook). Class winners: Cumming and Wood. Fastest laps: Dobbie 54.13s (66.50mph); Wood 56.71s (65.39mph).

Citroën 2CVs - 12 laps: 1, I.Gibbon (Funky) 15m 09.12s (48.94mph); 2, C.Ritchie (Scotroen); 3, A.Timpson (Emma); 4, G.Harper, for it is he (Rambo); 5, M.Sharp (the celebrated Dillon); 6, C.Wilson (John Major). Only successful attempt at a 50mph lap: Gibbon 1m 13.90s (50.18mph).

Goodyear Eagle Road Saloons - 12 + 4 + 6 laps: 1, R.Thomson (Vauxhall Nova) 23m 12.80s (58.57mph); 2, C.Gallie (BMW 2002Tii); 3, G.Keirnan (Mini); 4, R.Dobson (Citroën AX); 5, J.Patrick (Mini); 6, W.Dunbar (Ford Escort). Class winners: Thomson, Gallie and Keirnan. Fastest laps: Thomson 59.42s (62.40mph); Gallie 58.72s (63.15mph); Dobson 58.84s (63.02mph).

Formula Ford - 9 laps: 1, G.Taylor (Reynard FF84) 7m 59.67s (69.57mph); 2, D.Taylor (Van Diemen RF91); 3, S.Thorburn (Van Diemen RF91); 4, R.Steedman (Van Diemen RF91); 5, B.Gowans (Reynard); 6, M.Gisselbaek (Van Diemen RF92). Fastest lap: G.Taylor 51.46s (72.06mph).

Historic Cars - 2 x 12 laps: 1, A.McGregor (Cooper T59) 26m 16.68s (56.44mph); 2, P.Farrer (Lotus 22); 3, W.Banks (MGB); 4, T.Fitzsimmons (Healey 3000); 5, G.Temple (Chevron B1); 6, D.McWhirter (Tojeiro Jaguar). Class winners: McGregor, Banks, McWhirter and J.Mackinnon (Riley 12/4). Fastest laps: McGregor 1m 01.68s (60.12mph); Banks 1m 03.87s (58.06mph); McWhirter 1m 07.88s (54.63mph); Mackinnon 1m 08.01s (54.52mph). Dear God Is The Man Insane award: Mackinnon.

Kitcars and Supersports - 12 laps: 1, D.Muse (Sylva Striker) 12m 57.60s (57.22mph); 2, O.Ross (Westfield); 3, R.Sarafilovic (Westfield); 4, J.Muir (Toyota Starlet); 5, S.Spicer (BMW 318i); 6, N.Singleton (Westfield). Class winners: Muse and Muir. Fastest laps: Muse 1m 00.71s (61.08mph); R.Paterson (Darrian T90) 55.69s (66.58mph).