

Testing Days

Over the next few weeks the following dates are scheduled for General Testing on the Circuit and members are welcome to call in and watch from the Clubhouse or grandstands. The Paddock is out of bounds on these occasions.

Wednesday	May 8th	G.P.
Friday	May 17th	Club
Friday	May 31st	G.P.
Friday	June 14th	Club
Tuesday	June 18th	G.P.
Friday	June 21st	Club (pm only)
Tuesday	June 25th	G.P.
Friday	June 28th	Club

SRC Race Day

April 20th 1985

The first two practices were run in dry but cold conditions, then it started to rain with occasional sleet showers. The track became progressively wetter and more slippery as the day went on. In such conditions it was hardly surprising that at the end of the event two of the Formula Fords returned to the workshop on the back of the breakdown truck. Generally, however, people drove very well, fully appreciating the circuit conditions.

The first race was for Formula Fords and it was David Botting who made the running from the middle of the front row. Tim Major, from pole, did not perform such a good start, he fought back up to the leader but crashed heavily at Maggotts on the last lap. He went off, it was later stated, avoiding a big movement by David Botting who survived to take the flag half a minute in front of Ray Harris who was himself well clear of John Bairstow in third.

The Maestros were a stirring sight steaming or should it be 'streaming' their way round the very wet circuit. The race eventually settled into a five-car nose to tail dice for the lead. Michael Moss, Colin Hathway, Mark Simpson, David Childs and Rowan Dewhurst flashing across the line within four seconds of each other, then came Cy Krajci and Keith Martin separated by less than a second, stirring stuff.

Roger Varley took his Van Diemen into an immediate lead and drove very smoothly to record his win in Race Three. Steven Baxter and Andy Hunter earning their 'silver' and 'bronze' in what proved to be an event with no incidents recorded.

These Maestros really do provide incredibly close races. Event Four was no exception. At the Flag less than one second covered Michael Moss, Paul Allbutt and Steve Elms after a race long, place swapping battle of major proportions. We really are rather chivalrous at heart, so a special mention for Elizabeth Breese who finished a good fourth amongst considerably less attractive but exalted company.

Unfortunately, one single seater driver decided to push himself and his car over the limit and crashed into the pit wall during Race Five, this dampened feelings for an otherwise excellent event, John Hollingworth emerging as the victor and he was chased by Nick Procter and Geoff Thomas.

Then to our final event, a suitable climax which produced some heart warming moments on a still slippery track. The very best efforts of Mark Walsh, Greg Moores and Simon Spencer failed to prevent David Hall from achieving a thoroughly deserved victory.

Thence to the Clubhouse for refreshment and celebration, and, of course, the announcement of the 'Driver of the Day'. You can read

about the actual award winner elsewhere, but we seem to have started a trend for quotes: Sometime after the Formula Ford attacked the pit wall a spectator was overheard in the Clubhouse, "It seems to be quite an expensive accident, about £50 I should think because both wheels were damaged." The actual cost of replacing the broken bits will be nearer £1000. Still it's the thought that counts.

RESULTS

Race One: Formula Ford

1st David Botting (12.19.0), 2nd Ray Harris (12.53.6), 3rd John Bairstow (13.19.3).

F.L. Tim Major 1.25.0

Race Two: MG Maestro

1st Michael Moss (11.39.7), 2nd Colin Hathway (11.41.5), 3rd Mark Simpson (11.42.2).

F.L. Rowan Dewhurst 1.24.5

Race Three: Formula Ford

1st Roger Varley (10.59.7), 2nd Steven Baxter (11.08.3), 3rd Andy Hunter (11.13.3).

F.L. Andy Hunter 1.19.7

Race Four: MG Maestro

1st Michael Moss (11.18.5), 2nd Paul Allbutt (11.19.0), 3rd Steve Elms (11.19.4).

F.L. Paul Allbutt 1.22.9

Race Five: Formula Ford

1st John Hollingworth (10.43.4), 2nd Nick Procter (10.44.5), 3rd Geoff Thomas (10.46.6).

F.L. John Hollingworth 1.15.7

Race Six: Formula Ford

1st David Hall (10.01.7), 2nd Mark Walsh (10.03.4), 3rd Greg Moores (10.05.9).

F.L. David Hall 1.13.3

Familiarization Evening

The evening of May 2nd proved very popular and we were so encouraged by the response that we will be organising another such evening on Thursday June 20th.

An SRS Instructor will drive your car around the Club circuit, teaching you the lines and techniques. It is then your turn to drive him, whilst being corrected on any faults. A 'Family Parade' will take place at the end of the evening when members can take passengers as they drive sedately round, following an Instructor.

The evening is open to all Social Members. If you would like to take part please telephone the School on (0327) 857177 to make a booking.

Company Discounts

We are pleased to announce that we have a new discount arranged for members of the SRC. The Tile House Ltd of Harvey Reeves Road (Off St James Mill Road) Northampton Tel (0604) 581477 is willing to offer discounts on all purchases of ceramic wall and floor tiles, adhesive and accessories from their comprehensive range of stock, on production of your Club Membership card. Discounts vary from range to range, so why don't you pop in and have a look.

Clubhouse Steward

Ian Schofield has recently been appointed Steward of the SRC Clubhouse.

Ian, aged 26 and single, was born in Lytham St Annes, Lancashire and has wide experience of catering in hotels, clubs, restaurants and canteens throughout the North of England. He moved to Northamptonshire 19 months ago and became involved at Silverstone through the Breakdown Service, assisting Steve King (White Park Service Station) at many meetings.

Ian is looking forward to meeting and getting to know all the members of SRC at Race Meetings and Social events throughout the year, and any ideas for anything you would like to see or do (!) would be most welcome.

SRC is your Club, and we are all here to enjoy the sport we love.



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