

## **BARC North Western Centre report for the BARC Magazine 2015 Summer edition**

At the time of writing the NW Centres CNC Heads sports saloon championship has held five rounds and a picture is beginning to emerge of this season. We again welcomed several new drivers to the championship who all emerged with smiles and some with trophies.

The first round is traditionally held at Oulton Park and it was just so this year with thirty cars qualifying. Paul Rose's Saker began his 2015 campaign as he had finished 2014, with a dominant win in the opening round. Joe Spencer also began his 2015 campaign as he had finished 2014 by giving Paul a hard time and made a terrific getaway in his class C Locosaki as the lights went out but Rose was soon hunting him down and made his challenge as they exited Lodge on the opening lap. Paul can be seen below in his Saker.



Nick Creswell was lucky to finish fourth and win class B in his Caterham R400 as Luke Armiger looked safe there until he started to run out of fuel. Last year's overall champion Steven Hibbert won class D in

his Lotus Elise after a hard race long battle with Stuart Pearson's Ginetta G20.

Rounds two and three were held at Rockingham which has never been favoured by our drivers largely because of the distance and difficulty of travelling there.

Joe Spencer was not troubled much there and took two wins which puts him in the overall points lead. Ilsa Cox took a second and a fourth in her Seat Leon Cupra showing that she can happily battle with the Locosaki and MK Indy guys and lead her class in the points.



Luke Armiger (left) is comfortably leading class B but after taking fourth in race one, misfortune struck with a puncture in race two. Stuart Pearson is just holding off Steven Hibbert in class E. New driver to the championship Chris Grimes earned a good

few points and now leads class F in his Escort XR3i after his first meeting with us.

Rounds four and five ran at Mallory Park on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May and a grid of 28 cars resulted in a few incidents which reflect the different nature of the short but high speed lapping track. Some drivers are not familiar with needing to look forwards and backwards a lot of the time! With 14 seconds between the front and back of the grid, it demands the attention!



The outcome was that Garry Wardle has now taken the lead of class A in his Ginetta G50 after two class wins. Luke Armiger is still leading class B but was seriously challenged by Garry Watson and Philip Duncan in their Westfields. Stuart Pearson has the overall

lead after a DNF by Joe Spencer in one round when his prop shaft broke. Helen Allen has taken the lead of class E in her Fiesta.

It's close at the top of the table and a long way to go yet, just how you want it!

We are delighted to report that Colin Whitter who is now and has been the chief of our rescue unit for ever it seems, has been awarded the BMMC Bellini Trophy for outstanding services to motor sport marshalling.

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