

BARC North Western Centre report for BARC Magazine 2018 Autumn Edition

Following a long summer break from 23rd June without a race meeting the NW Centre and our CNC Heads Sports Saloon Championship will be visiting Anglesey to run a weekend race meeting there. If you have never been there we highly recommend that you find an opportunity to do so as the drivers love the track layouts which always give excellent racing and the officials and marshals find the circuit staff extremely helpful and sociable. The spectating and landscape views are also great.

The last race for CNC Heads was held at Oulton Park and resulted in some close competition for the overall points scores as can be seen:

OVERALL

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| 1 Paul Rose | Class A | Saker | 59 J |
| 2 Oliver Thomas | Class D | Subaru Impreza | 51 J |
| 3 Clive Dix | Class F | Ford Puma | 43 J |
| 4 Jamie Cryer | Class E | Ginetta G20 | 42 |
| 5 Dave Harvey | Class C | Locosaki | 40 |
| 6 Paul Rotheroe | Class E | Citroen Zsara | 39 |
| 7 Gary Wardle | Class D | Porsche 997 | 28 |
| 8 Mike Hurst | Class E | Seat Leon | 27 |
| 9 Steve Rowles | Class E | Honda Civic | 26 J |
| Rob Wakelin | Class F | Honda Civic | 26 |
| Luke Armiger | Class B | Vauxhall Tigra | 26 |

Paul Rose has a clear lead at the moment but there is a couple of close groupings making up the rest of the top ten. With 7 of 14 rounds now run there is a lot which can change in the next 7 rounds, particularly as the top 3 have played their 'Joker' round where they can opt to score double points. A maximum of 7 points can be scored from 1 none Joker race. It is also good to see that all 6 classes are represented at the top of the table. Things look good for the rest of the season.

Elsewhere in the wider range of our centre's activities we continue to run our Junior Photographic Competition, an idea borrowed from the Midlands Centre, (do you still run yours?). This has been a very successful way of getting young people closer to the action and more aware of the paddock activities besides what is happening on track. One of the prize winning photos can be seen with this report.

It is surprising how few photos are about racing and track action. The best come from scouring the paddock and watching the marshals. The centre funds this and it is a very cost effective way of promoting the wide range of activities to young people.

A large number of NW Centre officials attended the recent WEC race meeting at Silverstone, working as Clerks of the Course, Race Meeting Secretaries, Scrutineer, Marshals and the Rescue Unit. Some of us went simply as spectators!

The subject of electric cars in racing is moving very much to the fore this year, particularly as the BTCC Championship will be opening up to these soon. This has caused some discussion amongst members of the Championship sub Committee as it is clearly a major part of the future of motor racing. Our CNC Heads championship has received a few enquiries in the past couple of seasons about the running of hybrids and all electric cars, particularly now that very competitive all electric production cars are available.

At the moment the technical regulations do not exclude none combustion engine cars and the main issue of course is safety. The winning cars in the Pikes Peak and Goodwood hill climbs are a portent of the future and we would be interested to know what are the thoughts and experiences of our sprinting and hill climbing centres.

It would also be interesting to know what plans the governing bodies and marshals clubs have to address their part in this. Perhaps we can all work together on it.

Peter Gorrie, Secretary NW Centre.