

BARC North Western Centre report for BARC Magazine 2018 Winter Edition

A beautiful sunny day on 20th October 2018 saw the final race meeting of last season to be run by the NW Centre.

This was a very pleasant surprise as the prospect of a late October 10 race meeting with limited daylight seemed very challenging. It was a bit of a saloon car fest with a number of BARC championships running their final rounds all with 2 races each.

The NW Centre ran final rounds 13 & 14 of our CNC Heads Sports Saloon Championship with Paul Rose emerging as the 2018 overall champion and winner of class A. He started with a 2 point lead over Jamie Cryer in his Ginetta G20 who has had a great season, driving fast and well. The great photo by Marvin Hall with this article shows them both on track.

Paul only achieved his win by missing qualifying as he was also at Donington with the Fun Cup, driving (!!) to Oulton in time for the 1st race and returning in like fashion to Donington after the 2nd race. Two wins from the back of the grid is not bad going!

The race results were subject to an number of calcuations before the final overall results were known as some drivers had not yet played their joker for double points and 2 scores are dropped.

Class B was won overall by Luke Armiger in his very nice and quick Vauxhall Tigra. Luke came to the meeting with a 1 point lead over Paul Dobson who has been developing his Mazda rotary engined Locost over the season, but beat Paul in both races and actually led race 2 in the early laps.

Dave Harvey won Class C in both races and overall in his Locosaki. By rights he should have had a harder time of it as 2nd placed Danny Bird's Spire GTR is very quick but he missed a couple of races and suffered a few 'incidents' in some of the others.

Class D has been an interesting competition, ultimately won by Garry Wardle from Oliver Thomas in his Subaru Imprezza. Garry has actually run 2 cars in the same class. His 'proper' car is a Porsche 997 in which he usually beat Olly but it has been a tad unreliable so he has regularly nipped back home for his BMW supercharged Mini, handing the wins to the Subaru. At the final rounds Garry was trailing by 3 points but Oliver's Subaru was sitting in the workshop with a big hole where there used to be a piston! A legacy of the previous race. It was not plain sailing for Garry however as the Porsche gearbox failed to do its job properly in Friday testing so it was back home again for the Mini.

Garry will not thank me for the next part of this report but it is irresistible. Come Saturday morning the Mini would not start which led to a massive stripping of all the things which make an engine work. Qualifying and the 1st race passed by when someone noticed that the fuel did not smell quite right! It turned out that someone who will remain nameless had put diesel in the tank! Much cleaning out later Garry made the back of the grid of the 2nd race and won the class overall class virtue of the fact that double points are awarded for the final round.

Jamie Cryer started the season with the target of winning Class E overall and did just that comfortably but never expected to also be in contention for overall champion. A very rewarding season.

Class F saw a close battle at the final rounds between Clive Dix in his Ford Puma and Rob Wakelin in his Honda Civic. Clive came into the finals with a 14 point lead over Rob but suffered from transmission problems and did not make the grid for the 2nd race. Rob won the class in the 1st race but had mechanical issues on track and dragged the car over the line in the 2nd race allowing Clive to just win overall.

The average grid for 2018 was well over 30 so there are clearly many drivers who do not get a mention in reports like this but always contribute to the competition throughout the field in all the races and make the championship the spectacle it is on track. If you would like to see who they all are, the cars they race, the lap times, the results and all the points, please look on our website. A big thankyou to them.

Overall it has been another good season with good grids, great racing and new drivers joining us.

We hope to see you all at our awards dinner dance on 26th January 2019.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I am instructed by the Committee to give notice that the Annual General Meeting of the British Automobile Racing Club, North Western Centre, will take place at the Haydock Holiday Inn Hotel, Lodge Lane, Newton le Willows WA12 0JG on Wednesday 20th March 2019 at 8.00pm.

Members are invited to attend and should bring with them their current BARC membership card, in order to allow them to vote.

Agenda items and Nominations for Committee members.

We invite members to put these forward in writing. In the case of Nominations for Committee, it must be with the knowledge and consent of the person nominated, who must be proposed and seconded by two members of the NW Centre.

Agenda items and Nominations for Committee should be sent to the Hon. Secretary at the following address to arrive at least 7 days before the meeting.

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