

BLOG October 2010 : Written by Jerry Filor

A small select group of 7 Mini wanderers gathered at the Quorn Slot car Club to fight for the annual slot car king title, with trophies and sparkling wine at stake...

Jon had made a unique trophy....the "Rainbow Cup" and was admired (from a distance) by all.



Before racing started we welcomed back Dougie, who hadn't been seen for ages, but felt like he'd never been away ! He also brought with him his friend Caitlin, also a keen mini enthusiast !

Because there were only 7 of us, the track would only be raced on the middle 4 lanes. The lack of marshalling made it a priority to stay on the track as mistakes were time consuming and in most cases costly ! Bob, the club organiser, helped out at the far end.



In the first half we were using Chevy based medium sized hatchbacks, think US version Ford Focus. These were quite twitchy in the corners. Clive developed his own style of attack, letting the field get away from him then using an empty track putting in banzai laps gunning for the fastest lap glory....all the time

coming in pretty much last ! The fastest lap competition was certainly hotting up by the end of the evening with Neil and Chris also in with a chance....



All evening the racing was hard, and going into the second half we switched from the Chevy's to Corvettes, with a longer wheel base and slightly easier to manipulate round the tight corners. You could say we'd made the move from Touring cars....to GT cars ! After the final race, unbelievably there was a 4 way tie for the top spot, Bernie Ecclestone would have been proud ! So with only one trophy to give away there was a final "winner takes all" round for Dougie, Chris, Jon and myself.....

The red lights went out and it was race on ! I had a couple of early off's which put me out of contention for the win, as the 3 other



contenders fought it out.....Dougie, with one previous title, Jon (reigning champion) and 3 titles and Chris hard on their heels....

It ended with Dougie taking the chequered flag in

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1st place, closely followed by Chris, Jon in 3rd and myself following up the rear. A good nights racing was had by all, and it was a pity that unlike last year more budding racers didn't turn up...

SOCIAL BIT :

25th Nov : Club night at our spiritual home – The Midland railway Inn, Syston. Main job is to decide what our December outing / trip / meal / activity is going to be....

Early notice : Donington Park is going to put on a Goodwood revival type event of the May day bank holiday weekend in 2011 – this I am sure will provide some good historic racing ! This will be part organised by the team that have done the Le mans classic, which caters for pre-65 sports car racing on the classic French circuit.