



# BRSCC LMA Euro Saloon & Sports Car Championship 2007

In association with Practical Performance Car

## Snetterton 5 August 2007 Race Report

Our first visit of two to Snetterton this season was met with most un-Snetterton type weather as the UK basked in the hottest day of the year so far. This combined with the rubber left down by the EuroBoss racers out the same day seemed to conspire to give slower track conditions than we are used to.

### Qualifying

27 cars started the qualifying session but only 24 would survive to race. Jason Newman's Peugeot 306 was first casualty, a snapped conrod and two molten lumps that used to be a piston were retrieved from the engine after the session. Jack Towler's Tommy Kaira ZZ (the 22<sup>nd</sup> marque this season to race with us) was another early casualty with collapsed front suspension. Nick Williamson's Escort Cosworth had been very quick, ending the session in 3<sup>rd</sup> place but with an engine sounding like it wasn't going much further.

Of those who had better sessions, Mal Davison's Noble M400 top the times with Steven Taylor's giant-killing Class B Lotus Exige just 3/10ths adrift. The three super Tourers of Hawken, Challis and Hale were 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> and still less than 2 seconds back, this despite Challis' Primera losing 6<sup>th</sup> gear and managing just 4 laps. Championship leader Simon Taylor headed Class D by a long way in 12<sup>th</sup>, with current champion Jason Holmes making a rare appearance this season to remind Class C why he is the champion. Tim Morgan-Barrett continued his good form from Anglesey with an excellent performance to put his Vauxhall VX220 Turbo in 13<sup>th</sup> while Simon Jackson headed Class E with a number of Class D cars behind.

### Race

A very tidy start with all 24 cars having passed Russell before the lights went out, went the way of Davison from Challis and Taylor, but Challis fell back to 10<sup>th</sup> on lap 2 and had to fight back into contention. Taylor's Exige took the lead from Davison at the start of lap 4, suddenly raising his pace by 7 seconds from the previous laps. Davison closed back up gradually and retook the lead on lap 11, Taylor also losing a place to the hard charging Challis on the same lap. It looked like a race to the finish but Challis pulled over at the Bomb Hole on the final lap having run out of fuel – up to then the gap was never more than 4/10ths. Derek Hale moved up to second place but Davison won by 13 seconds. Taylor's challenge suffered at the hands of Tim Morgan-Barrett who's VX220 turbocharger let go and sprayed the Exige's screen with oil allowing Joss Ronchetti coming through to take 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Class B win.

Further back, Bernard Hogarth (Ford Mondeo), Simon Taylor (Honda Civic), Jason Holmes (Rover Tomcat) and Ian Craig (BMW M3) were embroiled in a close race which finally finished in the above order less than 2 seconds apart, with joker playing Holmes beating Craig to the Class C win by the narrowest of margins.

The Mark Fish Motorsport Renault Clio Cup challenge went to David Pierce who held off Matt Speakman all race long to take maximum points. Simon Jackson pulled out a massive last lap in his Vauxhall Nova to pass Jason Tarling's Renault Clio Cup on the way to his 8<sup>th</sup> Class E win of the season.

Simon Taylor continues to lead the championship with 196 points from Steven Taylor (148) and non-scoring John Hammersley (144).

### Result:

Winner: Mal Davison (Noble M400), 2<sup>nd</sup> Derek Hale (Honda Accord), 3<sup>rd</sup> Joss Ronchetti (Talbot Sunbeam Lotus), 4<sup>th</sup> Steven Taylor (Lotus Exige), 5<sup>th</sup> Tony Soper (Harrier LR9), 6<sup>th</sup> Douglas Ellwood (Marcos Mantis), 7<sup>th</sup> Bernard Hogarth (Ford Mondeo), 8<sup>th</sup> Simon Taylor (Honda Civic Type R)

Class Winners: Class A Davison, Class B Steven Taylor, Class C Jason Holmes (Rover Tomcat), Class D Simon Taylor, Class E Simon Jackson (Vauxhall Nova)  
Fastest lap: Davison 1:15.523 (93.04mph)

## Turkish Retreat

Mal Davidson has two properties in Turkey and is offering a discounted rate for any LMA Euro Saloon & Sports Car driver who wishes to rent them. For more details talk to Mal.

## Leaving an event before the race

If you wish to withdraw from an event either before qualifying or racing, please see me personally. You also need to contact the secretary of the meeting and sign out.

## Awards Evening

Booking are now being taken for the awards evening. All championship trophies will be presented at this event. Trophies are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each class. The closing date for booking is one week after the final round at Snetterton, the 19<sup>th</sup> of October.



## Contact Details

**Sara Pryce** Championship Co-ordinator

Email: [sara@LMA-group.com](mailto:sara@LMA-group.com)

Mobile: 07880 794201.

Daytime: 01234 217061 Tue and Fri 9.00am – 3.00pm at all other work times  
this line is answered by Stuart Cumming of LMA.

Supported by Mark Fish Motorsport & Alpha Composites