

## Race Report –Mallory Park 11th August 2018

With the best entry of the year with 17 drivers, everyone was looking forward to a great race on the day.

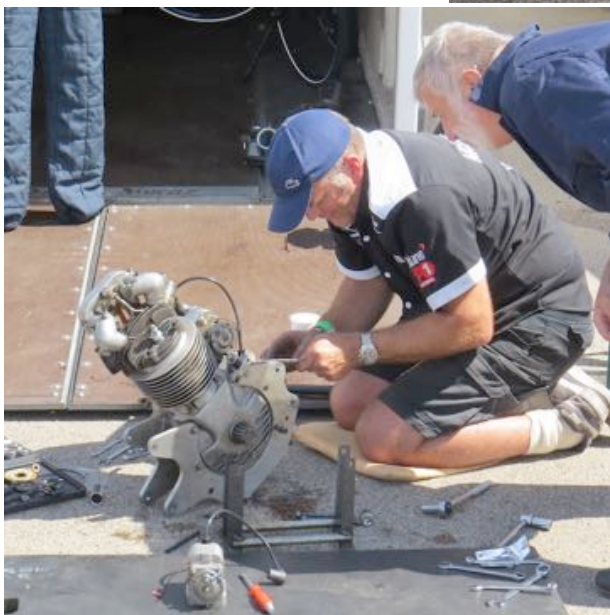
Unfortunately, Nigel Challis had to withdraw before the race, which left 16 drivers.

A welcome returnee was George Shackleton made his first outing of the season and was looking forward to a strong performance and it was great to see Sean Mooney out with his Vixen, a car and driver combination that we have not seen since the Angouleme race the previous year. Mike Wood in his IOTA was making his annual circuit race.

Many of the drivers arrived on Friday evening and enjoyed a convivial evening in the Mallory Park diner over pie and chips and a lot of chat about the forthcoming Zandvoort race and what colour Carol Woods had organised the commemorative polo and T-shirts!

The VSCC has kindly allocated us a paddock area adjacent to the scrutineering bay which saved us the more normal uphill push from the far end of the paddock, so that was welcomed, although it now meant that the assembly area was some distance from us, but you can't have it all your own way all the time.

There were no dramas at scrutineering, although sadly, John Greenwood was delayed in traffic which meant a very late arrival at the circuit and despite appealing to the race officials, he was not allowed to enter the race, so he returned home rather despondent, but will be out again at Zandvoort.



So qualifying consisted of only 15 cars

The cars assembled in the normal way and took to the circuit for their 15 minute qualifying session. However, the Chief Flag Marshall thought that the 500s only had a 10-minute qualifying session, and to add insult to injury after only 8 1/2 minutes the chequered flag was shown and qualifying was over. This was the second error of the day, as he has called the Morgan qualifying session short as well, 10 minutes rather than the allocated 15 minutes. The confusion arose as all of the other qualifying session, apart from the Morgan's and the 500's

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For some drivers, because of delays exiting the assembly area they only covered two or three laps and were concerned as to whether the clerk of the course would allow them to compete.



After meeting with the chief timekeepers and clerk of the course the error was admitted by VSCC and all drivers were allowed to take the start. This meant that some drivers were out of position and notably George Shackleton in eighth position with a time of only 1:04.92

Fastest qualifying time was a fraction over the minute at 1:00.05 by Darrell followed by Xavier on 1:01.75 ( one day he will beat the minute!) and then Stuart on 1:03.03

Despite the threatening skies around, the weather held for the race which was the last race of the day.

From the start Darrell took off in his normal way, but the fast charging George made short work of the five cars between him and Darrell and at the end of lap one it was Darrell, followed by George and Xavier. This

is the way it stayed until lap 5 when Stuart spun while dicing with Xavier.

However Stuart recovered from his spin and soon passed Xavier so by the end of lap 6 he was holding 3rd. Whilst all of this was going on George was reeling in Darrell having been 2.19 seconds behind him at the end of lap one he, was only 0.56 behind at the end of lap eight.





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The George and Darrell battle continued a pace until the final lap when at last George got passed Darrell to take the chequered flag, leading Darrell over the line by exactly one second.

Towards the end of the race Stuart started to drop back with engine problems and from an earlier 3 or 4 second lead over Xavier he dropped back to only 2 seconds and it was even closer over the line at just 0.29 seconds separating the third place Stuart from Xavier in fourth spot

### RESULTS

Position	Name	Car	Laps	BestLap
1	George Shackleton	Cooper MK 11	15	59.46
2	Darrell Woods	Staride MK3	15	59.45
3	Stuart Wright	Cooper MK 11	15	1:01.48
4	Xavier Kingsland	Staride MK 3	15	1:01.48
5	Chris Wilson	Mackson	14	1:03.28
6	Simon Dedman	Waye F3	14	1:03.65
7	John Turner	Cooper MK 9	14	1:03.42
8	Andy Raynor	JBS MK 1	14	1:05.51
9	Roy Wright	Flash Special	14	1:05.66
10	Malcolm Wishart	Cooper MK 8	14	1:07.36
11	Mike Wood	IOTA CB21	13	1:07.10
DNF				
	Roy Hunt	Martin	13	1:03.85
	Simon Evans	JP MK 1b	4	1:14.96
	Kerry Horan	Trenberth Vincent	7	1:10.17
	Sean Mooney	Vixen VB 1	4	1:11.49



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