

500 Owners Association Spring Opener – Silverstone, 22 April 2017

The opening round of the 500 Club Championship was held at Silverstone on Saturday April 22nd and was part of the VSCC Formula Vintage Series launched on the same day. The sun shone on a warm and calm day with perfect conditions for racing.

14 cars had been entered into the race and sadly Richard Ellingworth had to withdraw after breaking a driveshaft in practice the day before the race. This followed his extensive winter rebuild. So 13 cars were ready for action.....

The assembled 500's had all been fettled and polished during the winter months, Stuart Wright sporting new nickel plated suspension and Nigel Challis had a new rear section and paint. Nick Powell had some teething troubles with a sticking carb slide but Frosty soon had it sorted with some emery cloth. Steve Jeffords had flown in from Oslo and Kerry Horan from the States. Practice was 10 laps and 3 cars were all within one second of each other, with Darrell Woods on pole at 1 min 18.25 secs and an average speed of 75.4mph, very marginally ahead of Xavier Kingsland and Richard De La Roche. Nigel Challis, Nick Powell and Adrian Van Der Kroft all had misfire problems and came in early for extra fettling.

The race was started in glorious sunshine with 12 cars starting, as Kerry Horan's Trenberth had failed to start. Darrell pulled into an early lead followed by Xavier and Richard hot on his heels with Gordon lurking in 4th place. Darrell had a strange misfire so pulled into the pit lane to be rescued by Frosty as the white ceramic insulator of his NGK plug had become detached from the main body, a new plug and he was out again but not in contention for the race. Meanwhile Richard had taken the lead with Xavier on his tail and Gordon still lurking behind. Mike Fowler developed a misfire again attributed to a spark plug problem and Stuart Wright drove around the circuit with a clutch almost on fire until he pulled off. Xavier had Gordon hot on his heels until he overtook Richard and Gordon went by as well and the race was now down to these 2 cars. The old fox Gordon stalked the Staride and made a move to overtake on the last bend pulling into the lead to take the flag and win the race.

The 500 Club have decided to make their own awards after each race so the overall winners prize was presented to Gordon Russell by Nigel Challis. Winner of the P1 class was JB Jones, the P2 class Gordon Russell and the P3 class Nigel Challis who was presented his award by JB Jones as he could not present himself with an award! The Special Award was named as the NGK Plug Award and presented to Darrell for getting back into the race after his spark plug mishap.

It was a disappointing turnout with the club now funding each of the races but it was the first race of the season and despite being a wonderful day Silverstone is not everyone's favourite circuit. The next race is at Oulton Park on the 10th of June and then Cadwell Park on July 23rd. Please all readers get your cars out for one of these races so we can keep the 500 club alive and well.....

Everyone wished Julie Sheppard well who was running the London Marathon this weekend for Diabetes UK.



Darrell leads the pack.



Richard ahead of Xavier and Gordon.



Relaxing at the start.



More relaxation.



Trackside Board.



At the start.



Marshalls instructions.



Xavier, Darrell and Gordon.



Nick Powell.



Steve in full flight.



Gordon gets the cup.



JB presents the cup and gets one himself.



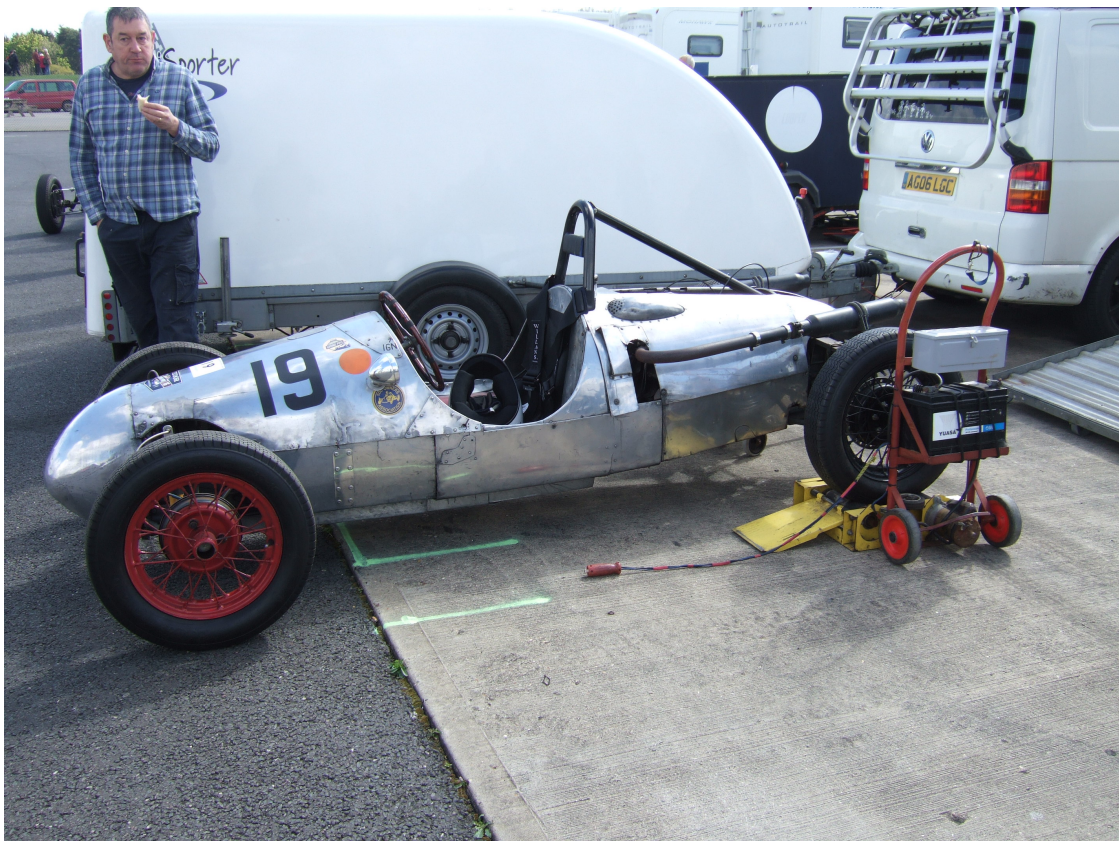
Darrell gets the special award.



Frosty fixes the throttle slide.



Steve and Frosty talk tactics.



The JLR.



Trackside humor.



The Vintage Sports-Car Club

FORMULA 3 500 CARS

PROVISIONAL RESULT - PRACTICE SESSION 9

Pl	No	Cl	Name	Car	Laps	Time on Lap	Behind	MPH
1	6		Darrell WOODS	Cooper MK12	10	1:18.25	10	75.40
2	59		Xavier KINGSLAND	Staride MK3	10	1:18.58	10 00.33	75.09
3	17		Richard DE LA ROCHE	Cooper MK5	10	1:18.93	10 00.68	74.75
4	31		Mike FOWLER	Cooper MK5	9	1:20.52	7 02.27	73.28
5	67		Gordon RUSSELL	Mackson F3 500	10	1:20.66	5 02.41	73.15
6	18		John CHISHOLM	Arnott F3	6	1:22.98	6 04.73	71.11
7	16		Stuart WRIGHT	Cooper MK11	9	1:23.38	5 05.13	70.77
8	19		JB JONES	JLR	9	1:24.97	5 06.72	69.44
9	92		Steven JEFFORD	Cooper MK8	9	1:27.47	6 09.22	67.46
10	36		Kerry HORAN	Trenberth Vincent Comet	9	1:29.87	8 11.62	65.65
11	77		Adrian VAN DER KROFT	Cooper MK5	3	1:35.33	2 17.08	61.89
12	22		Nicholas POWELL	Cooper MK8	1	1:35.65	1 17.40	61.69
13	7		Nigel CHALLIS	Cooper MK8	1	4:21.34	1 03:03.09	22.58
Not-Seen								
	10		Richard ELLINGWORTH	Cooper MK9				
	145		Hans VAN WORTEL	Riley Special				

Start Time : 11:52

Silverstone

22 Apr 17 12:25

Clerk of Course:

Time Issued:

Chief Timekeeper:

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RESULT - RACE 9

Pl	No	Cl	Name	Car	Laps	Time	Behind	MPH	Best Lap on	MPH
1	67	P2	Gordon RUSSELL	Mackson F3 500	12	16:16.42		72.51	1:19.42	9 74.29
2	59	P2	Xavier KINGSLAND	Staride MK3	12	16:16.64	0.22	72.50	1:19.33	9 74.38
3	17	P2	Richard DE LA ROCHE	Cooper MK5	12	16:22.00	5.58	72.10	1:19.44	3 74.27
4	7	P3	Nigel CHALLIS	Cooper MK8	12	17:13.91	57.49	68.48	1:24.17	11 70.10
5	19	P1	JB JONES	JLR	12	17:14.56	58.14	68.44	1:24.19	11 70.08
6	92	P3	Steven JEFFORD	Cooper MK8	11	16:30.42	1 Lap	65.53	1:26.27	11 68.39
7	22	P3	Nicholas POWELL	Cooper MK8	11	16:41.08	1 Lap	64.83	1:27.92	11 67.11
8	77	P2	Adrian VAN DER KROFT	Cooper MK5	10	16:30.82	2 Laps	59.55	1:30.55	4 65.16
Not-Classified										
	16	P3	Stuart WRIGHT	Cooper MK11	9	13:01.30	DNF	67.97	1:24.53	3 69.80
	6	P3	Darrell WOODS	Cooper MK12	7	16:44.17	NCF	41.13	1:19.89	8 73.86
	31	P2	Mike FOWLER	Cooper MK5	2	3:15.43	DNF	60.38	1:36.72	2 61.00
	18	P2	John CHISHOLM	Arnott F3	1	1:38.69	DNF	59.79		0 0.00
Fastest Lap										
	19	P1	JB JONES	JLR					1:24.19	11 70.08
	59	P2	Xavier KINGSLAND	Staride MK3					1:19.33	9 74.38
	6	P3	Darrell WOODS	Cooper MK12					1:19.89	8 73.86

Start Time : 17:02

Silverstone

22 Apr 17 17:12

Clerk of Course:

Time Issued:

Chief Timekeeper:

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LAP TIMES - RACE 9

6	Darrell WOODS										
	Lap	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	1	1:33.09	1:24.30	8:21.23	1:21.78	1:21.89	1:21.22	1:19.89			
7	Nigel CHALLIS										
	Lap	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	1	1:34.15	1:24.82	1:24.88	1:24.80	1:25.13	1:25.59	1:25.24	1:25.24	1:25.46	1:24.92
	11	1:24.17	1:24.40								
16	Stuart WRIGHT										
	Lap	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	1	1:35.02	1:24.65	1:24.53	1:25.78	1:25.53	1:26.42	1:25.59	1:25.12	1:25.79	
17	Richard DE LA ROCHE										
	Lap	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	1	1:31.96	1:20.34	1:19.44	1:20.23	1:20.20	1:20.43	1:20.05	1:19.67	1:19.70	1:21.71
	11	1:27.18	1:19.47								
18	John CHISHOLM										
	Lap	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	1	1:35.98									
19	JB JONES										
	Lap	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	1	1:35.87	1:25.74	1:24.63	1:24.89	1:24.62	1:26.15	1:25.41	1:25.25	1:25.65	1:24.62
	11	1:24.19	1:24.32								
22	Nicholas POWELL										
	Lap	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	1	1:44.34	1:28.16	1:29.68	1:30.15	1:30.18	1:28.96	1:29.45	1:28.33	1:28.76	1:29.76
	11	1:27.92									
31	Mike FOWLER										
	Lap	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	1	1:37.10	1:36.72								
59	Xavier KINGSLAND										
	Lap	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	1	1:31.74	1:20.74	1:20.06	1:20.30	1:20.21	1:20.43	1:20.28	1:19.75	1:19.33	1:19.97
	11	1:20.60	1:22.36								
67	Gordon RUSSELL										
	Lap	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	1	1:31.26	1:20.80	1:20.58	1:20.47	1:20.24	1:19.76	1:19.86	1:19.73	1:19.42	1:20.02
	11	1:20.74	1:21.09								
77	Adrian VAN DER KROFT										
	Lap	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	1	1:41.77	1:32.02	1:31.56	1:30.55	1:34.65	1:42.88	1:42.39	1:43.07	1:43.94	1:43.50

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Steven JEFFORD

Lap	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	1:38.29	1:28.55	1:28.87	1:30.23	1:29.54	1:28.91	1:28.72	1:27.50	1:28.49	1:31.14
11	1:26.27									

Lap Chart

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Lap 1		Lap 2		Lap 3		Lap 4		Lap 5		Lap 6		Lap 7		Lap 8		Lap 9		Lap 10	
No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time
59	1:32.61	59	2:53.35	17	4:13.36	17	5:33.59	17	6:53.79	17	8:14.22	17	9:34.27	17	10:53.94	17	12:13.64	59	13:33.68
17	1:33.58	17	2:53.92	59	4:13.41	59	5:33.71	59	6:53.92	59	8:14.35	59	9:34.63	59	10:54.38	59	12:13.71	67	13:34.59
67	1:33.71	67	2:54.51	67	4:15.09	67	5:35.56	67	6:55.80	67	8:15.56	67	9:35.42	67	10:55.15	67	12:14.57	17	13:35.35
6	1:33.86	6	2:58.16	16	4:27.07	16	5:52.85	16	7:18.38	7	8:44.48	77	9:37.92 *1	6	11:19.39 *5	22	12:14.64 *1	22	13:43.40 *1
16	1:37.89	16	3:02.54	7	4:28.96	7	5:53.76	7	7:18.89	16	8:44.80	7	10:09.72	77	11:20.31 *1	6	12:41.17 *5	6	14:03.06 *5
18	1:38.69	7	3:04.08	19	4:29.46	19	5:54.35	19	7:18.97	19	8:45.12	16	10:10.39	7	11:34.96	7	13:00.42	7	14:25.34
31	1:38.71	19	3:04.83	92	4:39.62	92	6:09.85	92	7:39.39	92	9:08.30	19	10:10.53	16	11:35.51	16	13:01.30	19	14:26.05
19	1:39.09	92	3:10.75	22	4:47.57	22	6:17.72	22	7:47.90	22	9:16.86	92	10:37.02	19	11:35.78	19	13:01.43	77	14:47.32 *1
7	1:39.26	31	3:15.43	77	4:49.84	77	6:20.39	77	7:55.04			22	10:46.31	92	12:04.52	77	13:03.38 *1		
92	1:42.20	22	3:17.89													92	13:33.01		
77	1:46.26	77	3:18.28																
22	1:49.73																		

Lap Chart

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Lap 11		Lap 12		Lap 13		Lap 14		Lap 15		Lap 16		Lap 17		Lap 18		Lap 19		Lap 20	
No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time	No	Time
59	14:54.28	67	16:16.42																
67	14:55.33	59	16:16.64																
17	15:02.53	17	16:22.00																
92	15:04.15 *1	92	16:30.42 *1																
22	15:13.16 *1	77	16:30.82 *2																
6	15:24.28 *5	22	16:41.08 *1																
7	15:49.51	6	16:44.17 *5																
19	15:50.24	7	17:13.91																
		19	17:14.56																