

Snetterton Race Report. Formula Vintage VSCC Sunday September 23rd 2018.

Grey skies loomed over the Norfolk countryside at the start of the Formula Vintage VSCC races at Snetterton on Sunday September 23rd and as predicted the rain came down. Fortunately the 500's were able to squeeze into the garages at the end of the pit lane and Xavier and Stuart magnificently gained agreement that the 500's could start from these garages.

The first race was very wet with Stuart Wright hotly roaring off into the lead pursued by a dogged George Shackleton, the spray from the wheels made visibility difficult and there was a lot of sliding about on the track with Simon Hewes sliding off after Murrays. The lead changed and Nigel and Xavier were running 3rd and 4th with Chris Wilson hot on their heels. They were closely followed by Kerry and Malcom with the 2 Roys and John Greenwood bringing up the rear. The conditions were very difficult but everyone managed to get around and on the last lap Stuart made a brave attempt to get around George at Murrays but was held off with George winning by only 0.83 seconds. Nigel took a podium 3rd place followed by Xavier in 4th. So Coopers were 1st 2nd and 3rd. Roy Wright came into the pit lane doing the breaststroke as if he had swum around the circuit ! Stuart Wright commented in these conditions it was 'character building "

Jenny Hewes presented the newly commissioned Paul Hewes Challenge Trophy to George on the podium and everyone remembered the unique character and camaraderie that Paul had been to the 500 club over many years. It was also great to have Simon Hewes in this race in his fathers car. Thanks must also go to Jenny Hewes for the magnificent dinner party arranged for the Saturday night for many of the club members, and some were still a little jaded on the Sunday morning.

For the second race the circuit had dried a up little although one driver commented it was slippery on the wet part of the circuit and on the dry racing line as well ! This was a reverse grid non championship round and at the start George stormed through the cars and took the lead in the first half lap building on this throughout the race. Chris Wilson was second place with Nigel hot on his heels eventually overtaking him to finish second only 1.13 seconds ahead of Chris who was 3rd. So 2 podium finishes for the Chairman with some people wondering if has changed his medication ! Chris Wilson deserves special mention with a podium finish in his first season and Roy Hunt 4th, Simon Dedman in the immaculate Waye 5th and Roy Wright 6th.



George in the wet.



Kerry and Nigel in the spray.



Simon in the Waye.



Coopers 1,2 and 3.



Jenny presents the trophy.



In the garages.



2nd race podium.



Simon Hewes in the Cooper Mk V111



George with the Cooper outfit.



Nigel's new Nomex shirt.

