

VSCC John Taylor Memorial Race
For Formula Junior Cars
Mallory Park June 24th 2012

VSCC race meetings are always fascinating with a large entry of incredible cars dating from the birth of the automobile. The older cars were driven at amazing speeds by incredibly brave 'pilotes' without the benefit of roll bars or seatbelts!

Qualifying

The weather was wet and the track really slippery. Andrew and Gil were first to the assembly area and lined up alongside each other. This was the anniversary of the first race when both cars were on the grid.

Andrew was first out but the marshals held Gil's line until half the cars had left so he had traffic and spray to contend with.

Andrew recorded the fastest 'front engined' lap with Gil second, separated from Andrew only by George Diffey's rear engined Lotus 22.

Sam Wilson was on pole ahead of Jon Milicevic.

The Race

The weather improved during the day and the race enjoyed sunshine and blue skies, on a dry track.

John Arnold, in Justin Fleming's Elva 100, had an extra practise session with the 500cc cars (for reasons which were not clear!). This was a dry session so he was placed on the second row ahead of Andrew!

As the flag dropped both Bond's made good starts and neither lost any places. First Andrew caught and passed John. Gordon Russell slipped past Gil at the Hairpin. Gil was right on John Arnold's tail but could not get past until late in the race when a dive into Gerrards under braking took him through.

The result was Andrew first 1100cc front engined car and 4th overall. Gil was first 1000cc and 6th overall.

Andrew's best lap was nearly half a seconds faster than last year and Gil came close to Andrew's 2010 time in the smaller engined car.

Race Winner:

Jon Milicevic won from Sam Wilson and Steve Smith, all in Cooper T59's

Bob Gerard Memorial Race

Both Gil and Andrew started towards rear of the grid; Andrew forced his way past 10 cars to finish 2nd, 2.1 seconds behind the 2 litre ERA. Gil was more circumspect and finished in a safe 8th position.

Overview:

Another very successful day for Team Bond. The cars performed well in both wet and dry conditions. Both scored excellent points towards the Championship

The next race is on the Brands Hatch GP circuit on July 15th