

Cambridge National 1/12th Stockcars & 1/12th Bangers

Sunday March 16th 2003

In memory of Ian Kiteley.

The bad news that Ian had tragically been killed, whilst returning home from the Hathern national meeting, when he was just three miles from home, which was at Banbury. Even though he had only been a member of our section for a short time, Ian had made many friends and was a regular club racer at the Rugby and Stoney Stanton Club's. Racing under the No. of 195, Ian had obtained and held a Blue grade roof with his stockcar, and yellow with his banger. He was also a keen national racer, his first national meeting was last year at the Rugby national meeting, his best national meeting, points wise, was at the Basildon national last year where he scored a respectable 72 points with his stockcar, and finished in thirty-third place in the final points table of 2002, and his last meeting at the Hathern national was his best score with his banger, again a good score of 79 points.

Respectfully one-minuet silences have been held as a mark of respect to Ian, at his regular clubs, and at this national meeting.

Rest in peace Ian, you are no longer with us, but you will be forever in our thoughts and memories.

Another good turn out of racers for a national meeting, we had forty-five stockcars turn up to race and we had thirty-three bangers. It was good to see a lot of new faces from different clubs, in fact there are now four clubs within this part of the world these being Cambridge, Ipswich, March and another new club called Fordham Radio Control Car Club, racing fortnightly on Saturday evenings if you fancy a visit give James or Sharon a ring on 01638 721619, they race Saloon, Hot-Rods, and Stock Cars. Once again sponsorship of the meeting was provided by R.D.C. Promotions, and from Bandit Racing. In charge of the computer was Mark "Doc" Crankshaw, and out in the kitchen (best place for her) was Tracy Cooper along with Michael Massey. Overseeing the scrutineering of both the bangers and the stockcars was the official BRCA scrutineer Stuart Preston.

Round 1 stockcars Opening his account with the first race win of the day was Mark Cooper (not of the pink variety) with 65 laps and an off form Gary McMullen in second on 60, and Derek Cayzer on 58. Heat 2. Was won with his new chassis in fine style by Jason Bartropp with 63, chased by James Massey and Craig Summers both on 62 laps. Heat 3. Saw the man in form Andy Cattell (Hathern National Winner) taking the win crossing the line on 64, then it was Alan Crossland with 57. Heat 4. Local racer Mark Crankshaw is victorious with 62 from a 60 by Phil Chadbourne and 57 by Arthur Garlic. Heat.5. Urmston race Andy Cox takes the honours on 67 pushed all the way by Dave Gwilliam on 66 and Rich Pacey finishing on 65. Heat.6. Saw a close race between Gareth Jones and Martin Cooper both finishing with 69 but Gareth crossed the line on a better split time, then we had Roy Calver on 68 and David Smith with 65. Heat 7. Ben Harding scorches round in a new FQT time of 72 laps easily beating Stewart Smith and Jim Burkett both on 64.

Round 1 bangers

Winning heat one of the bangers was last year's banger final winner, Derek Cayzer with 59 laps, then we had Roy Calver with 55 and Mike Tomkinson on 55. Heat 2. Saw a win for Martin Cooper on his home track with 58 then we had Peter Martin on 53 and Gary (the shake) Osbourne on 43. Heat 3. Urmston racer Gary McMullen wins this race with 57 chased by Craig Summers on 53 and Tracy Cooper on 47. Heat 4. James Blower crosses the line first after both he and Ian Johnson recorded 57 laps, and just one lap behind these two was James Massey with 56.

Round 2 stockcars

We had a different winner in race one, in the shape of Weasel Westley with 60 laps, as was Paul Shearwood with a slower 60 (by just 0.55 of a second) then we had Wayne Fergie on 59 and Jim Burkett on 58. Heat 2. Another win for Mark Cooper with 66 laps, then it was Jason (geezer) Bartropp on 63 and the reigning national points champion Gary McMullen off the pace in third with 60. Heat 3. And its gentleman Joe Brown recording a win with 60 laps from Stuart Preston on 56 and what an excellent third place for Nicholas (car wrecker) Cooper with 51 just in front of Ryan Cattell also with 51. Heat 4. Craig Summers gets a victory with 67 laps from Mark Crankshaw and Andy Cattell both finishing with 63. Heat 5. Ian Johnson gets it right to take a win with 70 from Andy Cox on 68 and Rich Pacey on 67. Heat 6. Saw team skint racer Dave Gwilliam winning with 68, then came Anthony Wyper on 67 and Martin (the mouth) Cooper back in third on 66. Heat 7. Heat win number two for Ben Harding on 72, chased by Gareth Jones on 69 and Mike Tomkinson on 68.

Round 2. bangers

Win number one for James Massey in race one, round two with 60 laps followed by Derek Cayzer on 57 and both Blondie Smith and Roy Calver with 56. Heat 2. Another new winner in the shape of Jason (geezer) Bartropp with 60 laps as was the chasing James Blower in second, third was Aiden Barnes with 57. Heat 3. What an hectic race with Paul Barnes claiming the win with a low score of 52 as was Ryan Cattell in second place, then we had Chris Blower on 49. Heat 4. Gary (hot-rod) McMullen wins with 58 laps from Ian Johnson on 54 chased by Andy Cattell on 50.

Round 3 stockcars

Ben Harding makes it three wins from three races pushed all the way by Gary Osbourne, with Ben finishing with the better split time after both had finished with 64, Blondie Smith finished third on 59 and Alan Bellis with 56, must mention that Gary McMullen missed this heat due to the fact, that they would not wait for him (good team racing from the Rapid stable) Heat 2. Win number two for Jason Bartropp with 66, then it was Ryan Cattell on 63, and then we had Wayne Fergie, Paul Riddell and Gary Mansell all on 59. Heat 3. Ian Johnson wins again on 64 from Mark Crankshaw with 58 and 56's from Alan Crossland and Stuart Preston. Heat 3. It's three out of three for Mark Cooper, this time his winning lap score was 67, just one lap behind Mark was Andy Cattell on 66 then we had James Massey on 64. Heat 5. Saw a different heat winner in the form of Rich Pacey from the Stoney Stanton club on 66, then it was Anthony Wyper with 63 and Dave Gwilliam on 62. Heat 6. Gareth Jones claims another win with a 67, just staying in front of Andy Cox on 65 then it was Roy (diamond) Calver on 64. Heat 7. Took him long enough to record a win, as this is his home track! For Martin Cooper with 66 (last years final winner) then it was Paul Shearwood on 63 and Weasel Westley with 61.

Round 3. bangers

James Blower takes another win in race one, round three with 57 laps from Anthony Wyper on 56 and Andy Cattell with 48. Heat 2. Jason (geezer) Bartropp claims another win with 55 laps from Peter Martin on 51 and David Smith finishing with 50. Heat 3. Gary (hot-rod) McMullen wins again with 57, then it was Aiden Barnes with 47 and just one lap behind was Steve Mansell on 46 as was Tracy Cooper on 45 followed by Daniel McMullen with 44 and Jack Scott on 43. Heat 4. Saw Ian Johnson record his first win in this class of racing with 55 laps then it was Martin Cooper on 53 and Roy Calver with 52.

Round 4. stockcars

The last round of racing sees Ben Harding making it four wins with 65 laps in heat one round four, from Mike Tomkinson with 65 and Pete Ayriss on 56. Heat 2. David Smith takes his first race win with 64 from Jason Bartropp on 62 and Gary Mansell on 60 as was Paul Shearwood. National Junior Champion Ryan Cattell records his first race win in heat three with 66 laps chased by Joe Brown on 60 and both Blondie Smith and young Joe Huxley finished with 58. Just like Ben, Mark Cooper makes it four wins from four with 67 laps, then it was Andy Cattell on 65 and Mark Crankshaw with 62. Heat 5. Ian Johnson gets the score that he needed with a win on 66 laps from a 64 by Rich Pacey and 58 by Paul Barnes. Heat 6. Andy Cox takes another win with 66 laps beating Dave Gwilliam on split time after Dave had also finished with 66, then we had both Stuart Preston and Roy Calver on 61. Heat 7. The last race in the heats, was won by Martin Cooper on 67, just in front of Anthony Wyper with 66 then we had Phil Chadbourn and Stewart Smith on 63 laps.

With the end of the heats and a little checking, we again saw a variety of race winners with no less than fifteen different heat winners! Showing once again that the stockcars must be one of the best classes of racing within the BRCA, and probably gives you the fairest chance to get amongst the race winners.

Round 4. bangers

The last round for the bangers, saw race one won by Martin Cooper with 58 laps from James Massey on 55 then we had three racers on 43 in order they were Gary Osbourne, Harley Harrington, and Daniel McMullen. Heat 2. And it's a first for Craig Summers with 59 laps, then it was Peter Martin on 55 as was Chris Blower, then we had Ronnie Faulkner with 50. Heat 3. Was also won by a first time winner in the shape of James Blower with 59 laps then we had Anthony Wyper on 56 and Steve Mansell with 53. Heat 4. And the last heat for the bangers was won by Ian Johnson on 54, then it was Paul Barnes on 52 and Gary McMullen with 50 and Jack Scott on 49.

Just like the stockcars, there were plenty of different race winners in the banger class, with ten different race winners from the sixteen heats of racing.

The anxious wait begins, as the race scores are added together to give us the racers qualifying straight into the stockcar final (top seven) and the next eight racers who will contest the consolation race with the winner joining the final. And the top ten lap scorers from the bangers who will go straight through to the final, as it is with the stockcar's and the bangers it is the best three scores that count towards qualification. But all cars still running can enter the banger D/D (subject to crystal clashes)

The racers making it into the stockcar consolation race were

Name	Total	Club
1. Rich Pacey	198	Stoney Stanton
2. Anthony Wyper	196	Urmston
3. Roy Calver	195	High Wycombe
4. David Smith	195	Urmston
5. Andy Cattell	195	Stoney Stanton
6. Stewart Smith	193	Urmston
7. Jason Bartropp	193	High Wycombe
8. Mike Tomkinson	190	Urmston

Another clean quality race around this big oval, saw a relieved Roy Calver victorious and through to the final with a winning score of 65, from David Smith on 64 in a split time of 301.85, then we had Andy Cattell (Hathern National winner) also on 64 in 303.67 as was Anthony Wyper in a split of 303.91, next was Rich Pacey with 62 then came Jason Bartropp on 61, then we had Stewart Smith on 58, and the wooden spoon went to Mike Tomkinson with 52 laps.

Banger Final

The ten drivers for the banger final, not in qualifying order were,

Gary (hot-rod) McMullen
Martin Cooper
Craig Summers
Peter Martin
James Massey
Jason (geezer) Bartropp
Roy Calver
Aiden Barnes
Ian Johnson
James Blower

The result proved to be very close even with ten cars out on the track, with a very popular winner in the form of Jason (geezer) Bartropp with 55 laps, runner up was James Blower on 54 in 304.73, third also on 54 was Gary McMullen in 304.80 then we had Martin Cooper on 53 in fourth place coming home fifth we had James Massey on 48 in 301.83, sixth was Roy Calver also on 48 with a slower split of 304.02, in seventh place we had Peter Martin with 42 laps, finishing eighth we had Aiden Barnes on 41 then it was Ian Johnson finishing with 31 in ninth place, and tenth was Craig Summers with 12 laps.

The Stockcar Final

Another quality line up of racers had made it through to the second national final of 2003, with the exception of team rapid driver and current national champion Gary McMullen, in qualifying order they were,

Name	Total	Club
1. Ben Harding	209	Rugby
2. Gareth Jones	205	Urmston
3. Martin Cooper	202	Cambridge
4. Andy Cox	201	Urmston
5. Ian Johnson	200	Hathern
6. Dave Gwilliam	200	Rugby
7. Mark Cooper	200	Stoney Stanton
8. Roy Calver	Consolation Winner	

No surprise that it was another close race with some exciting and high quality racing, at the finish it was Ben Harding winning with 68 laps from Ian Johnson in second place on 67, third went to (just) Martin Cooper on 64 in a split time of 302.73 just holding off Mark Cooper in fourth place also on 64 in 303.48, then we had Dave Gwilliam coming home fifth on 63, Gareth Jones finished sixth on 62 consolation winner Roy Calver was seventh with 60 in 302.23 as did Andy Cox with a slower split time of 302.37. Grade awards went to White- Wayne Fergie, Yellow- Rich Pacey, Blue – Anthony Wyper Concourse – Ben Harding

Banger D/D

Mayhem abound with so many cars on the track together, the winner after anything goes, including cars driving the opposite way around the track trying to eliminate the other cars, with the last one moving on the track declared the winner, the highlight of this event had to be the removal of Martin Coopers car by the head on contact, at the second attempt by woo, woo, woo, Jason (Geezer) Bartropp, at the end and last car declared moving on the track was Daniel McMullen.

National Points Tables

Stockcars		Bangers	
1. Ian Johnson	193	Martin Cooper	189
2. Mark Cooper	191	Derek Cayzer	177
3. Andy Cattell	185	Ian Johnson	176
4. Andy Cox	184	Andy Cattell	164
5. Martin Cooper	180	Steven Mansell	162
6. Anthony Wyper	177	Ryan Cattell	159
7. Ryan Cattell	171	Tracy Cooper	154
8. Jason Bartropp	167	Harley Harrington	133
9. Phil Chadbourne	163	Mike Tomkinso	132
10. Roy Calver	163	Damon Atkins	130