



Mardave European Saloon Championship – 18th September 2011
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The 18th of September saw the first running of the Mardave Saloon European Championship at Wycombe Radio Car Club. This was an important meeting in the calendar for the 1/12th Oval Section drivers with the Hot Rod, Ministox and Saloon Stock Car drivers in attendance. Drivers were racing for the red and yellow chequer roof for 2012 and the honour of being the first European Saloon champion!

The meeting was kindly supported and sponsored by Mardave with most of the cars either Mardave kits or running Mardave parts. Mr. Mardave, Chris Wilkinson also provided generous prizes for the raffle which was very well supported by the drivers.



Busy Wycombe Permanent Pit Facilities

A healthy field of cars turned out for the meeting with some very smart paint work indeed. All modelled on their full-size Hot Rod and Stock Car racing counterparts. Dan Martin's Hot Rod looked superb, along with Paul Davidson's Saloon and Phillip Potter's Mini all winning concourse trophies.



Dan Martin's Hot Rod (left) Paul Davidson's Saloon Stox (right)



Phillip Potter's Ministox (left) Hot Rod concours (right)

The format for the day was 3 rounds of qualifying (best 2 scores from 3 counting) followed by Semi Finals for those that qualified. Then the top 4 drivers from each Semi Final would race in the Grand Final for each class.

To round one and first up were the Hot Rods. These cars are all based on the Mardave V12 chassis. No contact is permitted in this class but with the cars lapping below 3.5 seconds a lap things are still fast and furious...

Straight away the cars were on a fast pace – race 1 and local driver Michael Wright posted a fast 77 lapper. Phillip Potter went faster though in race 3 with a very quick 81 lapper. The 2008 World Champion Sam Gray set a 78 lapper in race 4. Race 5 and local drivers Mark Goodchild and Richard Kennedy battled it out to post 79 and 77 laps respectively in a close fought race.



Mark Goodchild's Hot Rod

The Ministox drivers were also straight on the pace going very quick considering they have no suspension and that contact is permitted in this class. Jaik Golloghly set a 75 lapper in race 6 and Phillip Potter posting 73 laps in the next heat.

The very fast Saloon Stox drivers were next up, these cars are also a contact class and many are scratch built chassis by the drivers. They also run 6 cells so have more acceleration and speed than the other 2 classes. The most popular shell this time out is the Kamtec Ford Sierra Sapphire. Paul Davidson making the long road trip from Scotland was the man to beat in round 1, breaking the Saloon Stox Wycombe lap record in race 9 with a 77 lap score.

So to round 2, race 11 saw Chris Wilkinson getting his Hot Rod into the groove and posting a quick 78 lap score. Race 12 saw Phillip Potter having a very close race with local club regular Ben Sandling; Phillip taking the win with 80 laps from Ben on a fast 77 lapper. Race 13 saw Sam Gray set the fastest time of qualifying and break his own Wycombe lap record with an 82 lap score in 301.987 making him the early favourite to take the title. Race 14 saw Jaik Golloghly set an 80 lapper followed by Mark Goodchild in a very close race on 78 laps.

Race 15 saw Chris Wilkinson set a 73 lapper to put him well into contention. In the following race Phillip and Jaik continued to battle for the top of qualifying, Phillip setting the fastest time so far on 75 laps and Jaik on 72 laps.

Race 17 for the Saloon Stox and Chris Wilkinson took a narrow win from Ben Sandling on 71 laps. Race 18 and Paul Davidson was still the man to beat this time only posting a 75 lap score but beating Sam Gray into second with a 74.

To the final round of qualifying and some drivers still had plenty to do to ensure good grid positions in the Semi-Finals.

First up were the Hot Rods again and the speeds were increasing and the races getting closer. Chris Wilkinson set his fastest time of the day with a 79 lapper in Race 20. Race 22 and Sam Gray again showed his class setting another 82 lap score just beating Jaik Golloghly into second on an 81 lap score. In the same heat local Wycombe driver Andrew Dean smashed his personal best with a 78 lapper. In the final heat Michael Wright also posted his best time with a 79.

To the Ministox and Jaik Golloghly posted a 74 lapper and Phillip could only manage a 70 meaning Jaik would take top spot in qualifying.

In saloons Paul Davidson could not improve but still managed a 74 lap score. The final qualifying heat of the day saw the best race with the top 4 drivers separated by 3 seconds. The win taken by Joseph Leeke on 73 laps followed by James Burling, Chris Randell and Ben Sandling all on 72 laps.

So at the end of qualifying the list looked like this:

Hot Rods Class Best 2 Times

Pos	Name	Result	Score Round(s)	Avg Lap	Roof Colour
1	Sam Gray	164/ 605.410	2 3	3.691	Silver
2	Jaik Golloghly	161/ 603.323	2 3	3.747	Red
3	Phillip Potter	161/ 607.525	1 2	3.773	Silver
4	Chris Wilkinson	157/ 605.937	2 3	3.859	Silver
5	Mark Goodchild	157/ 608.148	1 2	3.873	Silver
6	Michael Wright	156/ 604.712	1 3	3.876	Blue
7	Andrew Dean	150/ 602.117	1 3	4.014	Yellow
8	Ben Sandling	149/ 602.846	1 2	4.045	Red
9	Richard Kennedy	149/ 604.119	1 3	4.054	Blue
10	Dan Martin	148/ 607.960	2 3	4.107	Blue
11	Matthew Jordan	145/ 603.294	2 3	4.160	Blue
12	Allan Priddle	142/ 604.729	2 3	4.258	Blue
13	Keith Dowsett	141/ 602.657	2 3	4.274	Red
14	Martin Watts	140/ 603.368	2 3	4.309	Red
15	Dean Kennedy	138/ 604.954	2 3	4.383	Blue
16	Tony Wade	138/ 605.357	2 3	4.386	Silver
17	Curtis Dowsett	138/ 608.313	2 3	4.408	Yellow
18	Chris Dean	135/ 602.019	2 3	4.459	Yellow
19	Philip Dancer	135/ 604.090	1 2	4.474	Red
20	Paul Kenealy	132/ 605.351	2 3	4.585	Yellow
21	Tom Barrett	121/ 615.878	1 3	5.089	Yellow

22	Kevin Brand	106/ 601.870	1 3	5.678	Yellow
23	Trevan Cocking	106/ 602.684	1 3	5.685	Yellow

Minis Class Best 2 Times

Pos	Name	Result	Score Round(s)	Avrg Lap	Roof Colour
1	Jaik Golloghly	149/ 605.623	1 3	4.064	Blue
2	Phillip Potter	148/ 604.268	1 2	4.082	Silver
3	Chris Wilkinson	145/ 600.247	1 2	4.139	Silver
4	Paul Davidson	142/ 604.617	1 3	4.257	Blue
5	Chris Randell	137/ 607.575	2 3	4.434	Silver
6	Steve Healey	135/ 604.126	1 3	4.475	Yellow
7	Matthew Jordan	132/ 604.340	1 2	4.578	Blue
8	Kevin Randell	130/ 604.537	2 3	4.650	Red
9	Simon Tuson	124/ 605.669	1 3	4.884	Yellow
10	Koyoshi Kelley	122/ 613.927	2 3	5.032	Yellow
11	Fred Coles	23/ 420.651	1 3	18.289	White

Saloon Stox Class Best 2 Times

Pos	Name	Result	Score Round(s)	Avrg Lap	Roof Colour
1	Paul Davidson	152/ 602.423	1 2	3.963	Silver
2	Sam Gray	145/ 602.097	1 2	4.152	Silver
3	Ben Sandling	143/ 604.033	2 3	4.224	Silver
4	Chris Wilkinson	142/ 604.461	2 3	4.256	Silver
5	Chris Randell	141/ 605.995	2 3	4.297	Silver
6	Joseph Leeke	141/ 607.251	2 3	4.306	Yellow
7	James Harrington	140/ 604.069	1 3	4.314	Blue
8	James Burling	137/ 600.781	1 3	4.385	Silver
9	Jim Harrington	132/ 603.728	2 3	4.573	Blue
10	Allan Priddle	127/ 603.538	2 3	4.752	Blue
11	Martin Derrick	123/ 602.980	1 3	4.902	Blue
12	Jake Barrett	119/ 605.298	2 3	5.086	Yellow
13	Keith Dowsett	85/ 356.978	1 2	4.199	Red
14	Kevin Randell	74/ 403.252	1 3	5.449	Red



The Hot Rod Semi Final 1 Grid – Sam Gray on Pole, Phillip Potter 2nd

On to the semi finals, Semi final 1 looked a tough draw for those in it with Sam Gray, Phillip Potter and Mark Goodchild in this race. Sam set off well at the start of the race building an early lead. Mark moved into second place with Phillip 3rd. The lap times these 3 cars were putting in very quick with all 3 setting times near 3.4 seconds. Around the 35 lap mark – Phillip passed Mark and then set after Sam. Some contact near the end of the race costing Sam the win, Phillip winning with an 81 lapper. Keith Dowsett (Mr. Kamtec) drove a great race to take the final qualifying place in 4th.

Semi final 2 had the in-form Jaik Golloghly on pole position with Chris Wilkinson and Michael Wright the other favourites to go through. Jaik had a great start and settled into an early rhythm but was being tracked closely by Michael Wright. Chris Wilkinson was not so lucky and some early contact caused some car damage and he dropped out. Michael passed Jaik early on but some contact dropped him back to second. In the meantime Tony Wade was driving a great race and choosing a good time to get his car handling well and was soon up to 3rd place followed by local Wycombe Banger regular Dan Martin in 4th.

Semi final 1 for the Ministox and it was a start to finish win for Jaik Golloghly continuing his fine day with a 73 lapper. Chris Wilkinson followed him home on a 70 lapper with Chris Randell 3rd and Matthew Jordan 4th.

Semi final 2 for the Ministox and Steve Healy took an early lead from Phillip Potter but Phillip was too strong and passed Steve on lap 16 and took the win. Paul Davidson followed Steve in 3rd and Kevin Randell 4th.

Paul Davidson showed he meant business in Semi final 1 for the Saloon Stox, beating his own lap record with a 78 lapper (303.296) with a start to finish victory. Keith Dowsett drove well to take 2nd with a 74 lap score. Chris Randell was 3rd, followed by Ben Sandling and Martin Derrick.

Finally the "B" final Hot Rod race was run. This was for the drivers not qualifying for the Hot Rod Semi Finals. This was a great race with local young driver Tom Barrett taking the victory from Phillip Dancer and Paul Kenealy. Team Barrett very happy with the win!



Grid for the Hot Rod Grand Final – Phillip Potter on Pole

So to the Grand Finals and the question could anyone stop Sam Gray taking the Hot Rod title? Both Phillip and Jaik thought so with them locking out the first two places on the grid. The start of the race was fast and frantic with some unintentional contact shuffling the positions. Phillip started well enough but soon Sam was past into the lead – then some contact which let Michael Wright hit the front. Soon however it was the two Team Mardave drivers battling for the lead, Sam and Phillip trading positions until lap 46. Sam then set about building a lead which he was not to lose again. Michael was still fighting and moved

past Phillip on lap 54 to move into 2nd. Jaik Golloghly was fighting back after a poor start and also passed Phillip on lap 66 to take 3rd place ahead of Phillip Potter 4th and Mark Goodchild in 5th.

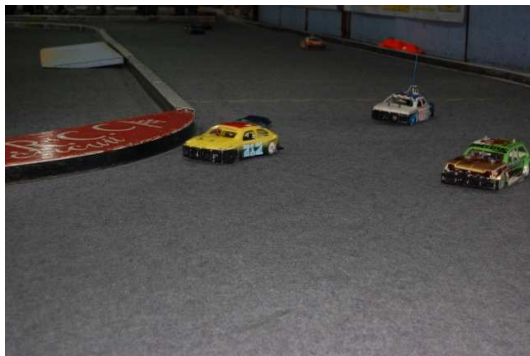


Action from the Hot Rod Grand Final



Grid for the Saloon Stox Grand Final – Paul Davidson on Pole

To the Saloon Stox and Paul Davidson was the man to beat and had a good start. However this race had plenty of contact with 10 drivers on the grid and contact dropped him down the field. Chris Wilkinson then took the lead, but Kamtec's Keith Dowsett was fighting hard and managed to take the lead around mid-race. Car problems hit Keith though and dropped him back down the field with Chris taking the lead again. Paul Davidson was not showing the same speed from qualifying but had now recovered to 2nd. Meanwhile Joseph Leeke was driving a great race with a good clean drive to take 3rd. Finishing 4th was Chris Randell followed by the unlucky Keith Dowsett in 5th.



Action from the Saloon Stox Grand Final



Grid for the Ministox Grand Final – Phillip Potter on Pole

Finally we had the Ministox Grand Final, from qualifying this looked like a battle between Phillip Potter and Jaik Golloghly. Phillip had a great start and soon built up a good lead. Jaik on the other hand had a bad start and dropped to the back of the field making his race very difficult. In the meantime Paul Davidson, Steve Healey and Chris Randell were fighting over 2nd and 3rd in a very close race, Chris moving into 2nd fairly early on. While these drivers were battling Jaik Golloghly was flying and managed to catch and pass Steve Healey to take 3rd, Steve finishing 4th and Koyoshi Kelly 5th.



Action for the Ministox Grand Final



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All in all the meeting was definitely a success and we would like to thank all the drivers for attending and supporting the club and Mardave. For more information and the full results visit www.wycomberacing.co.uk.



European Hot Rod Champion – Sam Gray



European Ministox Champion – Phillip Potter



European Saloon Stox Champion – Chris Wilkinson



Hot Rod B Final Winner – Tom Barret

A. Final (Hot Rods) Results

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Avg Lap	Best Lap
1	3	Sam Gray	81/ 300.167	3.705	3.397 (43)
2	4	Michael Wright	80/ 302.113	3.776	3.453 (37)
3	2	Jaik Golloghly	80/ 302.859	3.785	3.538 (78)
4	1	Phillip Potter	79/ 300.031	3.797	3.485 (59)
5	5	Mark Goodchild	78/ 300.872	3.857	3.491 (4)
6	8	Keith Dowsett	75/ 303.439	4.045	3.550 (29)
7	6	Tony Wade	72/ 304.814	4.233	3.506 (33)
8	7	Dan Martin	67/ 303.165	4.524	3.676 (14)

A. Final (Saloon Stox) Results

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Avg Lap	Best Lap
1	2	Chris Wilkinson	72/ 303.738	4.218	3.592 (14)
2	1	Paul Davidson	71/ 302.922	4.266	3.565 (3)
3	8	Joseph Leeke	69/ 301.433	4.368	3.845 (40)
4	5	Chris Randell	65/ 300.922	4.629	3.700 (33)
5	3	Keith Dowsett	63/ 300.768	4.774	3.638 (9)
6	6	Sam Gray	63/ 303.337	4.814	3.729 (35)
7	9	Martin Derrick	62/ 300.040	4.839	3.823 (18)
8	7	Ben Sandling	62/ 300.636	4.848	3.796 (29)
9	4	James Burling	61/ 302.570	4.960	3.813 (46)
10	10	Allan Priddle	58/ 274.327	4.729	3.839 (13)

A. Final (Minis) Results

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Avg Lap	Best Lap
1	1	Phillip Potter	72/ 302.546	4.202	3.670 (11)
2	6	Chris Randell	70/ 303.551	4.336	3.798 (45)
3	2	Jaik Golloghly	69/ 301.649	4.371	3.844 (40)
4	3	Steve Healey	68/ 301.492	4.433	3.859 (11)
5	8	Koyoshi Kelley	62/ 304.062	4.904	3.952 (56)
6	9	Kevin Randell	59/ 302.391	5.125	3.880 (8)
7	10	Simon Tuson	55/ 301.699	5.485	4.253 (10)
8	4	Chris Wilkinson	52/ 301.156	5.791	3.739 (22)
9	5	Paul Davidson	50/ 246.488	4.929	3.709 (4)
10	7	Matthew Jordan	38/ 188.911	4.971	3.932 (22)

