



Wycombe Radio Car Club – Leigh Street 10th Anniversary – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2011

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Wycombe Radio Car Club (WRCC) celebrated 10 years at their permanent Leigh Street venue on Sunday the 30th of January with the "Leigh Street 10th Anniversary" race meeting. This meeting was also held in memory of Mike Swadling. Mike was the driving force in moving the club to the permanent venue at Leigh Street and is fondly remembered by club members.

Over the last 10 years the club has created one of the biggest and best permanent radio controlled car venues in the country.

Competitors arrived from all over the UK to enjoy a day of radio controlled oval racing at the venue. The cars raced at this meeting were all modeled on their full size counterparts from the UK stock car and hot rod scene.

With over 50 cars booked in the racing was fast, frantic and lots of fun! All racers were vying for the prestigious "WRCC Historic World Champion" title in each class. For this meeting - drivers had to run Historic cars so there were plenty of Ford Escorts, Toyota Starlets, old Jaguars and Rovers!



Pictured: Competitors taking an interest in the concours line-up

We were soon underway after the concours. There were lots of freshly prepared cars. This meeting mandating a Historic car in ABS and no rear wings! Winners included Chris Randall for his Saloon Stox, Scott Waite with his great P6, Miklos Szabados's Hot Rod and James Burkett's F2. Prizes for this were sponsored by Harrington Spares Shop – seen at WRCC most Tuesdays!



(Left) Historic F2 Stock Cars (Right) Scott Waite's smart P6



Left Chris Randell's very smart Saloon Stox (Right) Mikos Szabados's Hot Rod



(Left) Chris Randell's Escort Hot Rod (Right) Sam Gray's Starlet Hot Rod

Round one and first up were the bangers on the infamous WRCC post and wire short oval. As ever the race was hotly contested with some big hits very early on. Winner was Matt Richardson, followed by Rob Coles and Keith Painter.



Pictured: Bangers lining up for their first heat

Next up were the Hot Rods and the early pace was set in heat one by Mikos Szabados with a 74 lapper. In the Historic F2s it was hectic marshalling as passing cars with the open wheels proved difficult and needed care! The pace in the first round set by Mark Steele with 70 laps. Ben Denyer scored a 73 in the Saloon Stox to head the timesheets early on. Jase Howe was to lead a quiet Ministox race with 61 laps.

Round 2 for the bangers was won by Mark Goodchild followed by Stuart Watson and Matt Richardson. Again the WRCC oval and drivers claimed some more victims most notably for newcomer Frankie Brickman whose Hearse was blitzed!

For the other classes round 2 saw some of the big name drivers were getting into the groove; Sam Gray scoring a 75 in the first Hot Rod heat and Mark Goodchild scoring a 77 lapper to go fastest qualifier. In the Historic F2 class James Harrington took first with a 68 lapper but could not match Mark Steele's pace in round 1. In the second round of Saloon Stox, Mark Steele took the win and improved to a 71 lapper. In the Ministox this time it was James Burling moving onto a 62 lapper to take fastest qualified from Jase.



**Pictured: the fast Wycombe 2/3 size oval – used for Nationals and Tuesday Night Club Racing**



**Pictured: Historic Hot Rods – Ben Sandling, Chris Randell and Tony Hurdle**

Round three started with the bangers with the attrition rate seeing some more casualties. This time Mark Goodchild was suffering from electrical issues and his Rover P5 nearly catching fire – ending his day. This heat was again won by Matt Richardson making him the early favourite to lift the title. Once again he was followed by Rob Coles in second and in third Michael Richardson.



Pictured: Action from the bangers

Mark Goodchild posted another 77 lapper in round 3 but could not improve in the Hot Rods. Ben Sandling managed 72 laps in the same heat. In the F2 stock cars – James Harrington improved to 69 laps along with Jim Burkett making this class wide open. Mark Steele was still the fastest qualifier as this stage with 70 laps. In the Saloons a very fast Chris Randell improved to a 73 lapper to go second behind Ben Denyer. In the Ministox James Burling continued to improve with 64 laps.

In the final round of qualifying Miklos managed a 75 in the Hod Rods to improve and Chris Randell a 73. This put them 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> on the grid. Mark still leading the way his round 2, 77 lap score and Sam on 75 also from round 2.

#### Hot Rods Class FTQ

Pos	Name	Result	Score Round(s)	Avrg Lap	Best Lap
1	Mark Goodchild	77/ 300.46	2	3.90	3.56
2	Sam Gray	75/ 300.66	2	4.01	3.67
3	Miklos Szabados	75/ 302.13	4	4.03	3.60
4	Chris Randell	73/ 302.76	4	4.15	3.71
5	Ben Sandling	72/ 303.45	3	4.21	3.77
6	Dan Martin	68/ 302.22	4	4.44	3.90
7	Tom Barrett	68/ 303.08	3	4.46	4.12
8	Tom Stevens	68/ 303.64	2	4.47	4.09
9	Martin Derrick	67/ 300.08	2	4.48	4.16
10	Tony Hurdle	65/ 300.75	2	4.63	4.09
11	Trevan Cocking	48/ 304.41	2	6.34	4.65

In the final round of Historic F2 there were no improvements from the top 3.

#### Historic F2 Stockcars Class FTQ

Pos	Name	Result	Score Round(s)	Avrg Lap	Best Lap
1	Mark Steele	70/ 303.21	1	4.33	3.87
2	James Harrington	69/ 303.12	3	4.39	3.88
3	Jim Burkett	69/ 303.64	3	4.40	3.83
4	Jake Barrett	65/ 304.17	3	4.68	4.10
5	Jim Harrington	64/ 304.30	2	4.75	4.10
6	Martin Derrick	62/ 300.50	1	4.85	4.08
7	Toby Isaacs	48/ 300.42	3	6.26	4.55

In the last Saloons heat there was a terrific battle in the final round between Mark Steele and Ben Denyer. Mark and Ben both finished on 75 laps, with Mark just beating Ben to get the fastest time.

#### Saloon Stox Class FTQ

Pos	Name	Result	Score Round(s)	Avrg Lap	Best Lap
1	Mark Steele	75/ 300.16	4	4.00	3.66
2	Ben Denyer	75/ 300.72	4	4.01	3.62
3	Chris Randell	73/ 302.25	3	4.14	3.76
4	Miklos Szabados	72/ 301.33	3	4.19	3.73
5	James Burling	70/ 300.57	4	4.29	3.83
6	Jim Burkett	70/ 302.47	4	4.32	3.73
7	Lance Denyer	69/ 300.25	3	4.35	3.71
8	David Nesbitt	8/ 109.40	1	13.68	6.12

In the final round of Ministox James Burling improved to a 68 lapper to secure pole position for the final.

#### Ministox Class FTQ

Pos	Name	Result	Score Round(s)	Avrg Lap	Best Lap
1	James Burling	68/ 302.25	4	4.44	4.16
2	Jase Howe	62/ 300.84	3	4.85	4.19

In the final round of bangers Jody Symons took the victory from Stuart Watson and Dave Andrews. The bangers use the best two race positions for the final grid and this meant Matt Richardson with two wins was top qualifier. In second position was Stuart Watson followed in third by Mark Goodchild who would not be starting the final.

#### Bangers Class Reedy Race of Champions

Pos	Name	Result	Score Round(s)	Avrg Lap	Best Lap
1	Matthew Richardson	54/ 302.79	2 - 1 [3] 1 [8]	5.61	3.47
2	Stuart Watson	51/ 303.37	4 - [4] 2 [14] 2	5.95	3.21
3	Mark Goodchild	54/ 304.75	6 - 5 1 [15] dns	5.64	3.05
4	Jody Symons	50/ 304.21	6 - [6] [5] 5 1	6.08	4.00
5	Tom Thatcher	49/ 303.06	8 - [7] [6] 4 4	6.18	3.44
6	Robert Coles	51/ 302.44	9 - 2 [9] [10] 7	5.93	3.07
7	Keith Painter	50/ 302.15	9 - 3 [7] 6 [16]	6.04	3.52
8	Graham Coles	47/ 301.72	11 - [16] [12] 2 9	6.42	2.70
9	Mark "Rupert" Cooper	46/ 301.06	12 - [12] 4 8 [10]	6.54	2.53
10	Scott Waite	48/ 303.66	14 - 9 [15] [16] 5	6.33	3.60
11	Dave Andrews	49/ 302.90	16 - 13 [14] [17] 3	6.18	3.86
12	Michael Richardson	47/ 302.63	16 - [18] [16] 3 13	6.44	3.03
13	David Nesbitt	45/ 300.76	16 - [11] 10 [12] 6	6.68	3.40
14	Alan Priddle	43/ 307.72	17 - [10] 8 9 [14]	7.16	3.39
15	Christopher Burton	39/ 309.68	18 - [15] 11 7 [17]	7.94	4.01
16	Daniel Martin	45/ 300.81	19 - 8 [18] [11] 11	6.68	2.53
17	James Dicks	28/ 306.60	25 - [14] [13] 13 12	10.95	4.41
18	Frankie Brickman	10/ 298.80	32 - [17] 17 [18] 15	29.88	4.11
19	Nathan Webb	DNS	0 - dns dns dns dns		



Pictured: Cars lining up for the Banger A-Final

So to the finals! First up was the banger final, Matt Richardson led from the start but soon the lead was changing regularly as the race leaders were getting caught in crashes and blockages. Early leaders were also Matthew Richardson, Scott Waite and Robert Coles. Around the middle of the race Keith Painter also hit the front and the lead was swapping between Keith and Rob for the remainder of the race. With seconds to go Rob was still leading but Keith swept past to take the win with a great finish to a great race. 3<sup>rd</sup> place was taken by the hard charging Alan Priddle in his Morris Minor!



Pictured: Rob Coles just about to be blitzed by Scott Waite

#### A. Final (Bangers) Results

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Avg Lap	Best Lap
1	8	Keith Painter	52/ 303.54	5.84	3.46 (12)
2	7	Robert Coles	52/ 307.45	5.91	3.73 (15)
3	15	Alan Priddle	51/ 304.63	5.97	3.08 (40)
4	2	Matthew Richardson	50/ 305.82	6.12	3.40 (3)
5	6	Tom Thatcher	50/ 307.38	6.15	3.52 (39)
6	9	Graham Coles	45/ 300.10	6.67	2.53 (8)
7	14	David Nesbitt	45/ 301.84	6.71	3.77 (3)
8	3	Stuart Watson	45/ 311.84	6.93	2.65 (16)
9	13	Michael Richardson	44/ 301.87	6.86	3.56 (4)
10	5	Jody Symons	42/ 300.27	7.15	4.11 (12)
11	10	Mark "Rupert" Cooper	35/ 303.06	8.66	2.46 (21)
12	16	Christopher Burton	31/ 302.98	9.77	2.62 (10)
13	19	James Dicks	31/ 307.94	9.93	4.79 (19)
14	11	Scott Waite	22/ 305.23	13.87	3.43 (3)
15	12	Dave Andrews	21/ 201.00	9.57	4.68 (20)
16	17	Daniel Martin	20/ 272.63	13.63	3.05 (8)
17	20	Frankie Brickman	8/ 227.02	28.38	8.42 (2)
18	4	Mark Goodchild	DNS		0.00 (0)

Then onto the Hot Rods, first up was the B final of the Hot Rods which was won by Martin Derrick on 69 laps from Tony Hurdle. The Hot Rod A final was set to be a hard fought and close race. Mark Goodchild took the lead in the early laps until a couple of crashes put him two laps behind Sam Gray. As the race progressed Mark began to catch Sam and after Sam was involved in a crash managed to hit the front. With seconds remaining though an error from Mark let Sam back through to take the win by less than a second, both on 78 laps. Third went to Miklos on 75.



Pictured: Cars lining up for the Hot Rod A-Final

#### A. Final (Hot Rods) Results

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Avrg Lap	Best Lap
1	3	Sam Gray	78/ 302.84	3.88	3.56 (32)
2	2	Mark Goodchild	78/ 303.21	3.89	3.61 (19)
3	4	Miklos Szabados	74/ 302.55	4.09	3.65 (63)
4	7	Dan Martin	70/ 302.22	4.32	3.85 (50)
5	6	Ben Sandling	69/ 300.60	4.36	3.78 (11)
6	9	Tom Barrett	66/ 300.94	4.56	4.08 (2)
7	10	Tom Stevens	66/ 303.41	4.60	4.14 (45)
8	5	Chris Randell	43/ 237.41	5.52	3.82 (12)

The Historic stock car race was a fast and furious race with lots of incidents. Mark Steele led away from pole but was soon involved in some crashes which dropped him down the field. This left James Harrington out in front for most of the race. However Mark Steele was not finished yet and set about catching James. With less than a minute remaining Mark managed to pass James and go back into the lead. While this was happening Jim Burkett drove a tidy race to take third. Mark on 68 laps, James 67 and Jim 66. Another great race!



Pictured: Historic F2 Stock Cars Ready For Action (Courtesy of [www.carpetoval.com](http://www.carpetoval.com))

#### A. Final (Historic F2 Stockcars) Results

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Avrg Lap	Best Lap
1	2	Mark Steele	68/ 303.83	4.47	3.86 (10)
2	3	James Harrington	67/ 300.72	4.49	3.89 (49)
3	4	Jim Burkett	66/ 301.76	4.57	3.89 (21)
4	5	Jake Barrett	60/ 302.46	5.04	4.15 (30)
5	7	Martin Derrick	59/ 302.21	5.12	4.04 (50)
6	9	Toby Isaacs	49/ 300.87	6.14	4.54 (7)
7	6	Jim Harrington	48/ 239.78	5.00	4.05 (3)

Like the Historic F2 stock cars the Saloon Stox drivers had been racing together all day. But like the Historic F2 class this did not make the result an easy one to call. Mark Steele led from pole position in the early stages with Ben Denyer and Miklos fighting over second position. Milkos in second until he retired just before the 2 minute mark. Mark continued to lead until around the half way point when Ben passed him to take the lead which he was not to lose again. Mark Steele also experienced problems later in the race to promote James Burling into second and Chris Randell third.

#### A. Final (Saloon Stox) Results

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Avg Lap	Best Lap
1	3	Ben Denyer	75/ 300.52	4.01	3.62 (45)
2	6	James Burling	69/ 300.23	4.35	3.66 (3)
3	4	Chris Randell	68/ 302.75	4.45	3.64 (6)
4	2	Mark Steele	67/ 302.21	4.51	3.58 (31)
5	9	Lance Denyer	66/ 303.66	4.60	3.67 (25)
6	7	Jim Burkett	61/ 301.41	4.94	3.68 (15)
7	5	Miklos Szabados	35/ 135.42	3.87	3.48 (5)
8	10	David Nesbitt	DNS		0.00 (0)

Last out were the Ministox and James Burling led from flag to finish with a great drive. Jase Howe finished second.

#### A. Final (Ministox) Results

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Avg Lap	Best Lap
1	2	James Burling	64/ 303.08	4.74	4.23 (60)
2	3	Jase Howe	55/ 313.24	5.70	4.16 (9)

All in all a great days racing to celebrate 10 years at the Leigh Street venue and a fine memorial to Mike Swadling. Already the drivers are asking if it would be okay to have an 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting. So maybe the Historic Worlds might be an annual event. Only time will tell!



**Pictured: Trophies!**

The racers were also very kind in supporting the raffle which was held in benefit of Rob's ARTTT (a Rare Teenage Tumour Trust - <http://robsarttt.piczo.com>). Over £110 was raised for this charity.



**Pictured: (James Harrington (WRCC Secretary), Chris Holland (Rob's ARTTT), Mark Goodchild (WRCC Chairman))**

In September 2007 Rob Holland died aged 15, from Desmoplastic Small Round Cell Tumour. This is a highly aggressive tumour which affects predominately males in their second decade of life. Before he died Rob, with the help of his family, set up a charity named Rob's ARTTT (a Rare Teenage Tumour Trust).

Rob's aim was to raise awareness of this rare cancer and to fund research into the disease. His hope was to help save lives or at least give others a longer and better quality of life. Rob's parents, and friends, have continued to raise money for the charity which is helping to fund the research at John Radcliffe Hospital.

Prizes in the raffle were donated by Mardave and Kamtec, who the club would like to thank for their support.



**Pictured: Prizes!**

The club meets on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for club racing in various formulas. For more information visit: [www.wycomberacing.co.uk](http://www.wycomberacing.co.uk).



Pictured: Chris Randall's Ford Escort Hot Rod



Pictured: Dan Martin's Rover P5 Minster