

Solway Autograss Club

Report & Photo by Malcolm Brown

The morning of July 21st was warm and sunny, it was looking good for a day of racing. It was good to see plenty of cars ready to go into action and they were all well turned out again. With the chairman on his holidays I was handed the Union Jack and the job of starting the racing. I think I did OK.

Gordon Jameson has returned to Silloth Airfield to race again. Last time he raced here it was in the seventies in the Hell Drivers. Also racing was his brother-in-law Nigel Hepburn and his son Paul Jameson, it just shows that Autograss is a family sport.



Class 1 : Paul Dowdle YD105 dominated in the heats again but in the final Arthur Cunningham SL12 was determined to get through the smallest of gaps that was open for him, into the first corner he got his chance he went for it and the cars were so close you could just get a cigarette paper between the two minis. Arthur kept his composure for the rest of the race until it was stopped and Paul Dowdle went into the back of him. **Class 2:** Paul got the better of Mark and came in first, Gordon Jameson SL10 finished third after doing so well learning the feel of the new track

Class 3: After winning his heats Kevin Bowes YD205 had no problems

winning the final.

Class 5: Steven Graham SL15 had to work hard in the heats to keep his pride intact and hold Mark Cowperthwaite SL19 back. Mark took the honours with Paul coming second.

Class 6: With the absence of cars to compete with Kevin Forster SL76 had to play with the Stock Hatch cars all day.

Class 7: There was only one car in this class so Mike Hadden SL7 was racing against the class three's. All he had to do was get over the line, but the track was not wide enough and ten posts were taken out.

Class 8: Paul Alsop

YD188 from Yorkshire Dales won the final.

Class 11. Clare Horner YD62 making her first visit to Silloth won all her heats and the final.

Class 13: With no one to race against Caroline Bowes YD205 had no problems.

Class 14: Clare Horner YD61 dominated again in this class.

Stock Hatch: This seems to be the most popular class. David Widdup SL601 is doing very well winning his heats and the final.

Juniors: Ben Faulkner SL88 won both his heats from Joe Austin SL24 but in the final it was reversed and Joe took the honours.

Lets hope we get some good weather for the next meeting.

Junior Football

Sunderland Training Scheme Success



Over 75 children turned up for training with Sunderland Football Club coaches on Monday 19th August. This easily beat the previous best turnout of 60 children. These sessions are proving very popular with boys and girls coming from as far afield as Newton Arlosh.

HEAT ONE

CLASS 1-SL12 arthur cunningham, SL3 m hodgson ,YD208 andrew nesbitt

CLASS 2-SL51 mark nugent,SL30 steve mason

CLASS 3- SL130 kev abbott,SL48 richard telford, SL13 bryan abbott

CLASS 4-WR180 robert parker

CLASS 5-SL16 nigel hepburn, SL2 richard lewthwaite, SL80 phil talbot

CLASS 6-YD22 steve sheenan, SL76 kev forster

CLASS 8-SL1 mark johnston, SL14 wullie stewart

CLASS 10-WR175 david stokes

Juniors-SL333 toby l'anson, SL20 kevin dunn,

Class 11- SL12 lin cunningham, SL51 cath hadden, SL3 karen hodgson

Class 12-YD611sarah robson, SL2 claire lewthwaite

Class 13-SL48 mary telford

HEAT TWO

CLASS 1- YD161michael robson, SL3 m hodgson ,YD208 andrew nesbitt

CLASS 2-SL51 mark nugent

CLASS 3-SL130 kev abbott, SL13 bryan abbott

CLASS 4-WR180 robert parker

CLASS 5-SL16 nigel hepburn, SL80 phil talbot, SL2 richard lewthwaite

CLASS 6-YD22 steve sheenan, SL76 kev forster

ST/HAT -SL626 trevor brough,YD611 brian robson, SL650 steve hartley

CLASS 8-SL1 mark johnston, SL14 wullie stewart

CLASS 10-WR175 david stokes

Juniors-SL333 toby l'anson, SL20 kevin dunn, SL24 joe austin

Class 11- SL51 cath hadden, SL12 lin cunningham, SL3 karen hodgson

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SOLWAY HANDICAP

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SL626 trevor brough, SL12 arthur cunningham, SL2 richard lewthwaite, SL30 stevie mason

FINALS

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hodgson ,YD208 andrew nesbitt

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forster

ST/HAT -SL626 trevor brough,YD611 brian

robson, SL603 keith bowery

CLASS 8- SL14 wullie stewart

CLASS 10-WR175 david stokes

Juniors- SL20 kevin dunn, SL333 toby

l'anson, SL24 joe austin

MENS CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

TOP TEN POSITIONS

1-	SL1	MARK JOHNSTON	172
2-	SL12	ARTHUR CUNNINGHAM	154
3-	SL19	MARK COWPERTHWAIT	110
4-	SL14	WULLIE STEWART	55
5-	SL15	STEVEN GRAHAM	55
6-	SL130	KEV ABBOTT	49
7-	SL7	MIKE HADDEN	43
8-	SL51	MARK NUGENT	37
=9-	SL626	TREVOR BROUGH	36
=9-	SL2/601	RICHARD LEWTHWAITE	36
10-	SL16	NIGEL HEPBURN	28

INFORMATION

WR175 was a twin engined suzuki powered special driven by david stokes who finished 4th in the national championships last weekend

Trevor brough is building a 2.7 litre v6 engined ciqento to replace the stock hatch. Mark johnstons class 8 suzuki powered special is for sale to finance his new project.