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## **BRCA Saloon National Round 1: Wycombe Radio Car Club – 3rd March 2013**

*Hot Rods, Saloon Stox and Ministox*

The 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2013 saw an earlier than normal start to the season for the 1/12<sup>th</sup> Oval Saloon racers at Wycombe Radio Car Club for the first national of the year. The club's permanent venue looking better than ever due to a new carpet and renovation efforts in the winter. A big hand to them for making this great facility even better!

The racers not only had a new carpet to race on but new cars with a raft of rule changes changing the 1/12<sup>th</sup> oval classes dramatically since last season.

Now the drivers could enjoy the benefits of brushless motor technology along with 1S Lipo cells. Also in what can only be described as a revolution in the Hot Rod class the one-make format has been dropped in favour of open build regulations such as seen in the popular 1/12<sup>th</sup> GT12 circuit class. This introduced the Schumacher SuperStox but also the Mardave Oval Edition. The Mardave car is a big update over the old alloy V12 and is based on the Mardave Carbon circuit car.

So with all these new rules would it be business as usual for the big oval stars or time for a new guard to emerge and dominate the sport.

The classes being run at this meeting were the Hot Rod, Saloon Stox and Ministox cars. The entry was fairly healthy with 22 Hot Rods, 13 Saloon Stox and 10 Ministox.

Wycombe always enjoys a good concours competition with plenty of fresh cars on the track for the first National of the year. The winners this time were Miklos Szabados for his smart Sierra Sapphire Saloon Stox; Martin Watts with a very nice looking Ministox and Lee Warner with a smart Peugeot 205 Hot Rod.



**Martin Watt's smart Ministox Concours winner**



**Lee Warner took the Hot Rod Concours with his retro Peugeot 205**

So onto the racing and first onto the track were the Hot Rods. Heat 1 was business as normal for the 2012 World Champion Keith Smith taking the win with his fast brushed Hot Rod from Miklos Szabados with 80 laps to 79 laps. Taking the win in heat 2 was WRCC chairman Mark Goodchild with 81 laps from Chris Booker on 78 laps, Mark using the new Mardave OE chassis. Heat 3 saw the Schumacher Superstox of Shaun Taylor take the win on 78 laps from WRCC regular Mark Thomas. Mark normally seen pounding the 1/8<sup>th</sup> Rallycross circuits but enjoying some oval racing at Wycombe. The final heat of round 1 was won by Team Kamtec's Tony Wade taking the win on 78 laps from Sam Campbell on 76 laps.



**Shaun "Show" Taylor's Schumacher Superstox**

Next up were the Mini's – although not a big turnout they were still giving us plenty of action. Sam Campbell dominated the first heat with a 73 lapper and the second heat was won by Martin Watts.

The Saloon Stox class is always a popular class at Wycombe and this meeting was no exception. The field being very competitive so making the A final would not be easy. The first heat went to James Burling who signalled his intent to do well visiting a club meeting 2 weeks previous. This extra practice helped James to a good time of 73 laps from Miklos Szabados in second. Martin Watts continued his good day with a win in the second heat from Joseph Leeke in second and WRCC regular Jim Harrington 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**Miklos Szabados won the Saloon Stox Concours**



Round 2 in the Hot Rods and Shaun Taylor took the win from Tony Wade in heat 1. Heat 2 and Tom Barrett took the win from Sam Campbell. Heat 3 and Matt Baker was into the groove on an 81 lapper beating local driver Danny Beattie into second on a fast 80 lapper; Danny recently returning to racing at WRCC after a long time away from the sport. The final Hot Rod heat saw a big head to head between two of the meeting favourites with Keith Smith taking on local driver Mark Goodchild. Mark made a couple of mistakes but just managed to pip Keith to the win and FTD of the day setting a time of 83 laps in 300.870. Miklos Szabdos was also going well in this heat to post an 82 lapper in third.

In the Ministox Sam Campbell again took top spot with another 73 lapper. Shaun Taylor improved his car and best time to take second place with 71 laps. Russell Payne took the second heat with 70 laps from Bailey Perrin.

The first heat of Saloon Stox in round 2 was a WRCC benefit with club champion Allan Priddle taking the victory from Jim Harrington both managing 72 laps. Heat 2 was a Fordham benefit with Joseph Leeke taking the victory from Miklos Szabados.



**Joseph Leeke was on great form at Wycombe**

Onto round 3 and there were some nervous drivers around the pits needing to improve or not make the A final. Heat 1 for the Hot Rods and Chris Booker continued his fine form to take the win on 79 laps. Heat 2 and Daniel Beattie took the win from Miklos Szabados. The third heat was won by Mark Goodchild on 81 laps from 2012 National champion Jaik Golloghy. This being the first time Jaik had run a car with a brushless system. Heat 4 and Keith Smith took another win on 81 laps from Tony Wade in second on 80 laps.

Round 3 in the Ministox and Shaun Taylor had really sorted out his car taking a fine win on 76 laps. Shaun getting close to the lap record of 77 laps held by Simon Cleaver. Heat 2 and Sam Campbell also managed to improve also on 76 laps but slightly slower than Shaun.

The Saloon Stox continued their brutal qualifying races with heat 1 being one of the closest races ever seen. Miklos took the win from Joseph Leeke, Chris Harman third and Allan Priddle fourth. All 4 drivers separated by 2 seconds. The second heat was won by Martin Watts from Jim Harrington.

So to the final round of qualifying; Shaun Taylor took the first heat of the Hot Rods with a fine drive to 83 laps to put him firmly in contention for the final. Keith Smith took heat 2 on 82 laps from Miklos Szabados in second on 81 laps and Chris Booker third on 80 laps. Mark Goodchild took the 3<sup>rd</sup> heat on 83 laps which would be enough to secure pole position in the A final. Matt Baker and Tony Wade both driving well to get 81 laps in the same heat. The final heat for Hot Rods saw WRCC drivers take a 1-2 with Daniel Beattie finishing first ahead of Neil Bowerman.



**Team Kamtec's Mark Goodchild took Hot Rod pole position and FTD with the new Mardave OE**

In the Ministox young Bailey Perrin showed he could be a contender taking the heat win on 67 laps. In the second heat, which was surely going to be the same head to head as the final Sam Campbell took a close fought race with Shaun Taylor. Sam Campbell managed a new lap record for the Ministox class at the same time, this being 77 laps 302.760.

Last up were the Saloon Stox the first heat taken by James Burling on the fastest time of the day with 75 laps from Allan Priddle on the same lap score. Both drivers showing they had the speed to win the final. This lap score was enough for Allan to secure him pole position in the final. Oval racing qualifying is the best 3 from 4 lap scores added together. So consistency is often better than out right speed! The final heat of Saloons was won by Miklos Szabados from Martin Watts, 72 laps to 71.

### Hot Rods Class Best 3 Times

Pos	Name	Result	Score Round(s)	Avg Lap	Roof Colour	Team
1	Mark Goodchild	247/ 904.500	1 2 4	3.661	Red	WRCC
2	Keith Smith	246/ 905.590	2 3 4	3.681	Silver	BOGNOR
3	Miklos Szabados	242/ 909.350	1 2 4	3.757	Red	FORDHAM
4	Tony Wade	239/ 908.400	1 3 4	3.800	Red	HOTS
5	Matt Baker	238/ 908.400	1 2 4	3.816	Blue	BOGNOR
6	Shaun Taylor	237/ 906.860	1 2 4	3.826	Red	BOGNOR
7	Chris Booker	237/ 906.990	1 3 4	3.826	Blue	BOGNOR
8	Daniel Beattie	233/ 903.610	2 3 4	3.878	Yellow	WRCC
9	Sam Campbell	230/ 905.200	1 3 4	3.935	Red	TIC
10	Mark Thomas	227/ 903.100	1 2 4	3.978	Blue	WRCC
11	Russell Payne	226/ 904.540	1 2 3	4.002	Red	TIC
12	Neil Genders	221/ 905.460	1 2 3	4.097	Blue	BOGNOR
13	Jaik Golloghly	221/ 907.400	1 3 4	4.105	Silver	FORDHAM
14	Tom Barrett	220/ 904.200	1 2 4	4.110	Yellow	WRCC
15	Neil Bowerman	218/ 903.850	1 2 4	4.146	Silver	WRCC
16	Lee Warner	217/ 903.960	1 2 4	4.165	Red	SOLENT
17	Chris Aldous	206/ 905.220	1 2 4	4.394	Yellow	HOTS
18	Martin Llewlyn-Jones	202/ 905.340	1 3 4	4.481	Blue	HEREFORD
19	Ben Maskell	201/ 907.280	2 3 4	4.513	Yellow	BOGNOR
20	Philip Dancer	195/ 905.160*	1 3 4	4.641	Red	WRCC
21	Tim Barrett	124/ 687.950	2 3 4	5.547	White	WRCC
22	Jason Beattie	117/ 712.000	1 2 3	6.085	Yellow	WRCC

### Minis Class Best 3 Times

Pos	Name	Result	Score Round(s)	Avg Lap	Roof Colour	Team
1	Sam Campbell	226/ 906.520	1 3 4	4.011	Red	TIC
2	Shaun Taylor	221/ 904.620	2 3 4	4.093	Red	BOGNOR
3	Russell Payne	200/ 903.170	1 2 4	4.515	Red	TIC
4	Bailey Perrin	200/ 906.110	2 3 4	4.530	White	HOTS
5	Martin Watts	197/ 908.930	1 2 3	4.613	Red	HOTS
6	Kevin Brand	179/ 904.310	2 3 4	5.052	Yellow	HOTS
7	Keith Schooling	161/ 825.050	1 3 4	5.124	Blue	MARCH
8	Tony Wade	153/ 843.000	2 3 4	5.509	Blue	HOTS
9	John Dancer	149/ 830.840	1 2 3	5.576	Yellow	WRCC
10	Luke Schooling	127/ 821.350	1 2 3	6.467	Yellow	MARCH

### Saloon Stox Class Best 3 Times

Pos	Name	Result	Score Round(s)	Avrg Lap	Roof Colour	Team
1	Allan Priddle	217/ 907.790	2 3 4	4.183	Silver	WRCC
2	Martin Watts	214/ 906.760	1 2 4	4.237	Red	HOTS
3	Joseph Leeke	211/ 904.270	1 2 3	4.285	Blue	FORDHAM
4	Miklos Szabados	211/ 906.060	1 3 4	4.294	Silver	FORDHAM
5	Jim Harrington	208/ 905.980	1 2 3	4.355	Blue	WRCC
6	James Burling	205/ 904.580	1 3 4	4.412	Silver	TIC
7	Chris Harman	205/ 904.730	1 2 3	4.413	Yellow	WRCC
8	Andrew Malkin	199/ 903.560	1 3 4	4.540	Yellow	YPL
9	Chris Burton	198/ 908.000	1 2 4	4.585	Yellow	WRCC
10	Philip Dancer	177/ 860.750	1 2 3	4.862	Red	WRCC
11	John Dancer	161/ 908.730	1 2 3	5.644	Blue	WRCC
12	Dave Smith	150/ 908.010	1 2 4	6.053	White	YPL
13	Kevin Brand	138/ 810.910	1 2 3	5.876	Yellow	HOTS



So to the finals and first up would be the Hot Rods. First final on the track was the C final with Chris Aldous on pole position. However the race did not go his way with a poor start dropping him to the back of the field. Martin Llewelyn Jones made a great start to lead early on but he was soon passed by Ben Maskell and Philip Dancer. These two fighting to the finish but Ben leading the way from lap 3 to the end. Ben took the C final win on 72 laps.

The B final Hot Rod race had some fast drivers in it who may have expected to be in the A final so it was sure to be competitive. Sam Campbell was the unlucky man to miss the A final and had pole in the B final. Sam led from start to finish with a great drive to post a fast 77 lapper. Mark Thomas and Russell Payne had a race long battle with Russell taking second place and Mark third.

Next up was the A final for the Hot Rod drivers. Mark Goodchild was on pole with Keith Smith second and Miklos Szabados third. Mark made a good start to lead in the early laps but the car looked unsettled compared to the performance in qualifying. Soon the cars were into traffic and Keith passed Mark in a clean move. Shaun Taylor was showing the speed he had in the final heat and was in a strong third position behind Mark. Mark then got mixed up in an incident or two and dropped back behind Shaun. Meanwhile Chris Booker was driving a great race to be placed fourth around the three minute mark. Mark was again in trouble when contact with another car unplugged the battery and damaged the sensor wire on the motor. Effectively it was his race over and this promoted Chris into third place. This was how it ended with Keith Smith and his brushed Hot Rod driving a very clean race to take a well-deserved victory, Shaun took second on the Schumacher Superstox National debut and Chris Booker was delighted with third place. This making a great day for the Bognor club taking first through to third position!



**Mr Consistent – Keith Smith took the Hot Rod A final win with a great drive**



The Ministox A final was next and this was looking like a race between Sam Campbell and Shaun Taylor based on the qualifying form. In the race Sam made a reasonable start but contact quickly dropped him to fourth and in the early stages Russell Payne and Bailey Perrin both led the field. However by lap eight it was Sam who took the lead and was tracked closely by Shaun. Throughout the race though Sam had too much speed for Shaun and eventually ran out a comfortable winner on 76 laps. Shaun took second on 71 laps and Bailey Perrin took an excellent third place.



**TIC Racing's Sam Campbell took the A final win in the Ministox class and the lap record to boot!**

The Saloon Stox B final was won by Wycombe local John Dancer. He took the win from Kevin Brand.

Finally it was the Saloon Stox A final drivers who would keep us entertained. With 10 drivers on the very fast Wycombe oval and contact permitted it was always going to be a lively race and we were not disappointed!

Pole sitter Allan Priddle did not make the best start and he dropped to fourth place early on. The early leader was Joseph Leeke followed by Miklos Szabados. In the early stages both Miklos and Joseph had opportunities leading the race. However around the 20 lap point James Burling took the lead, his car looked fast and settled on the fast Wycombe corners and he was driving well missing the majority of the incidents. At this stage it was James followed by Joseph and then Miklos. This was how it stayed until late in the race when Miklos passed Joseph to move into second. Martin Watts took a solid fourth and the pole sitter and Wycombe club champion Allan Priddle an unlucky fifth.



**Mr CarpetOval.com and Team TIC, James took the Saloon Stox A final!**

That ended a great first National of the year. For more information on the meeting and detailed results please visit [www.wycomberacing.co.uk](http://www.wycomberacing.co.uk). For more videos and images search for Wycombe Radio Car Club or YouTube and Facebook.

**A. Final (Saloon Stox)**

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Avg Lap	Best Lap	Roof Colour	Team
1	7	James Burling	70/ 302.560	4.322	3.650 (26)	Silver	TIC
2	4	Miklos Szabados	68/ 301.160	4.428	3.530 (22)	Silver	FORDHAM
3	3	Joseph Leeke	67/ 300.380	4.483	3.690 (3)	Blue	FORDHAM
4	2	Martin Watts	66/ 301.530	4.568	3.640 (21)	Red	HOTS
5	1	Allan Priddle	65/ 302.630	4.655	3.710 (60)	Silver	WRCC
6	10	Philip Dancer	63/ 303.130	4.811	4.090 (21)	Red	WRCC
7	11	Chris Burton	62/ 300.350	4.844	3.940 (16)	Yellow	WRCC
8	5	Jim Harrington	62/ 303.970	4.902	4.020 (3)	Blue	WRCC
9	9	Andrew Malkin	60/ 300.280	5.004	3.680 (9)	Yellow	YPL
10	8	Chris Harman	56/ 283.380	5.060	3.710 (6)	Yellow	WRCC

**B. Final (Saloon Stox)**

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Avg Lap	Best Lap	Roof Colour	Team
1	3	John Dancer	55/ 303.860	5.524	3.790 (10)	Blue	WRCC
2	5	Kevin Brand	53/ 303.740	5.730	4.020 (23)	Yellow	HOTS
3	4	Dave Smith	52/ 300.880	5.786	4.090 (38)	White	YPL

**A. Final (Minis)**

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Avg Lap	Best Lap	Club #	Nat #	Roof Colour
1	1	Sam Campbell	76/ 302.990	3.986	3.550 (25)	516	516	Red
2	2	Shaun Taylor	71/ 301.670	4.248	3.680 (22)	27	1378	Red
3	4	Bailey Perrin	68/ 301.560	4.434	3.980 (28)	99	99	White
4	9	Tony Wade	64/ 303.140	4.736	3.900 (24)	43	846	Blue
5	7	Kevin Brand	61/ 300.590	4.927	4.280 (44)	957	957	Yellow
6	10	John Dancer	58/ 300.410	5.179	3.860 (28)	61	61	Yellow
7	3	Russell Payne	16/ 112.490	7.030	3.850 (8)	440	440	Red
8	8	Keith Schooling	4/ 29.310	7.327	3.970 (2)	74	74	Blue
9	11	Luke Schooling	DNS		0.000 (0)	790	790	Yellow
9	5	Martin Watts	DNS		0.000 (0)	180	180	Red

**A. Final (Hot Rods)**

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Avg Lap	Best Lap	Roof Colour	Team
1	2	Keith Smith	84/ 302.220	3.597	3.400 (31)	Silver	BOGNOR
2	7	Shaun Taylor	81/ 303.010	3.740	3.430 (9)	Red	BOGNOR
3	8	Chris Booker	77/ 301.330	3.913	3.420 (31)	Blue	BOGNOR
4	9	Daniel Beattie	75/ 303.450	4.046	3.480 (43)	Yellow	WRCC
5	3	Miklos Szabados	74/ 301.850	4.079	3.460 (70)	Red	FORDHAM
6	4	Tony Wade	73/ 303.420	4.156	3.420 (12)	Red	HOTS
7	1	Mark Goodchild	67/ 287.950	4.297	3.360 (31)	Red	WRCC
8	5	Matt Baker	12/ 75.530	6.294	3.640 (8)	Blue	BOGNOR



**B. Final (Hot Rods)**

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Avg Lap	Best Lap	Roof Colour	Team
1	1	Sam Campbell	77/ 300.610	3.904	3.670 (15)	Red	TIC
2	3	Russell Payne	75/ 300.760	4.010	3.670 (8)	Red	TIC
3	2	Mark Thomas	75/ 302.910	4.038	3.660 (6)	Blue	WRCC
4	7	Tom Barrett	74/ 301.070	4.068	3.710 (26)	Yellow	WRCC
5	8	Neil Bowerman	73/ 300.660	4.118	3.630 (26)	Silver	WRCC
6	9	Lee Warner	72/ 303.230	4.211	3.660 (26)	Red	SOLENT
7	5	Jaik Golloghly	71/ 303.730	4.277	3.770 (26)	Silver	FORDHAM
8	4	Neil Genders	12/ 68.090	5.674	3.680 (5)	Blue	BOGNOR

**C. Final (Hot Rods)**

Pos	Car	Name	Result	Avg Lap	Best Lap	Roof Colour	Team
1	3	Ben Maskell	73/ 302.990	4.150	3.750 (48)	Yellow	BOGNOR
2	4	Philip Dancer	72/ 304.350	4.227	3.880 (37)	Red	WRCC
3	1	Chris Aldous	71/ 301.300	4.243	3.740 (53)	Yellow	HOTS
4	5	Tim Barrett	33/ 169.510	5.136	4.140 (27)	White	WRCC
5	2	Martin Llewlyn-Jones	18/ 86.840	4.824	4.100 (17)	Blue	HEREFORD
6	7	Jason Beattie	DNS		0.000 (0)	Yellow	WRCC