



October 2011 - Oulton Park

TDI Classification

Car 106, Track Torque Racing, took the end of season honours at the Oulton Park 4 hour race. After a great race with no damage, they were delighted to take the victory.

First time Fun Cup race winner, Henry Dawes, said: **"On a sadder note, myself, James and I am sure everyone involved in racing, was shocked and saddened to hear of the news from Las Vegas. We would, therefore, like to dedicate the win to Dan Wheldon and his friends and family."**

For Neil Plimmer and Geoff Fawcett in Team Honeywell, car 147, it was always going to be a special weekend with over 200 guests attending the final race of the year and a possible championship victory on the cards. Their plan was to put aside any thoughts about a championship and approach the race as they would any other. They knew they would have a battle on their hands against JPR/Racelogic in car 101 and the Track Torque boys in 211, both of whom could have possibly scuppered Honeywell's championship victory.

Neil Plimmer, said: **"The rolling start worked well and the intensity of the opening laps was more like a FF1600 scrap, as petrol and diesel cars scrambled around the glorious Oulton circuit."**

He added: **"Joachim from JPR/Racelogic was all over me at the start and as the front 8 car pack ran three abreast, engine temperature became a concern and so I ran a tactical race to the first pit window, as 101 dropped away. We were gutted when Racelogic hit engine problems, which took them out of the equation, but the race pace of car 211 gave us some concern as the countdown to the end began."**

An accidental clash with Mark Burton in 207 Spirit Fitness, who was suffering from a puncture, made the importance of a trouble free run all too clear! A constant challenge came from Track Torque 106, which was flying and logging smooth, consistent laps. As the four hour mark drew nearer, the championship became a reality and although a podium would suffice, Fawcett had aspirations for a race win and made an unsuccessful, heart stopping, last lap attempt at Cascades, where he spun along Lakeside and then followed car 106 to their well deserved first win.



Neil Plimmer, said: **"We were so happy that we managed to do enough to take the championship victory! To all our fellow competitors, who genuinely offered their congratulations afterwards, it has been a privilege and pleasure to race with you every month."**

He added: **"To Roxie, Paul and Anna, thank you for another brilliant season. Thank you also to our Clerk, Julian Floyd, who did a brilliant job again! Finally I'd like to say a massive thank you to Little Rick from JPR Group, for his prep, set up and providing us a car to get the job done. Thanks, also, to Scott from JPR for his help and sportsmanship."**

Chris Hart and Tim Hartland took home the 3rd place trophy, after a strong, competitive year for the 211 car.

Nigel Greensall, in the JPR/Racelogic car, set the fastest lap, with a 2:02.675.





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Petrol Classification

Petrol class front runners John Bullough, James Somerton and Will Pembroke sealed another victory at Oulton in their JPR/Ecurie Escargot car, after a great year demonstrating their strength in the petrol class.

Behind them in the petrol sequential JPR car, was Lawrence Howlett and Damian Hudes.

Lawrence Howlett, recalled: **"Wow, the sequential car transforms the Fun Cup car into a serious bit of kit. The gearing is perfect for Oulton Park too. In testing we managed to put together a 2:03:5, which was not far off the quickest diesels, proving the sequential is certainly the way forward."**

He added: **"We had a fantastic race, with ups and downs, but John our mechanic was great, especially with a quick tyre change after a puncture. The last stint saw Beacon Racing, car 49, approximately 44 seconds ahead of us, which I managed to claw back and passed them with 5 laps to go. It was a real fight for 2nd place! I'm ecstatic about next year's championship and can't wait to get back into the seat."**

Alan and Rory Brown, plus Jonathan Cobb in the Beacon Racing 49 car, were not confident of a strong finish unless the track was wet! But, they had a good grid draw and Jonathan Cobb had a great first session.

In the second stint, Alan Brown was hit from behind and lost a little time and a splitter, but fortunately there was no serious damage. The fourth session was fairly tumultuous, with a great deal of safety car activity and some of the competition suffering minor problems.

To their great surprise, despite not getting below a 2 minute and 7 second lap time, they started the 6th and final session in 2nd place, far behind JPR/Ecurie Escargot, but not so far ahead of the JPR/Sequential, car 99. They knew 99 was much faster than them and it soon became clear that Rory Brown would not be able to resist Howlett, who was catching him by 3 or 4 seconds a lap. So, it was Howlett who forced them down to the 3rd and final step of the podium!



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The fastest petrol lap was set by Lawrence Howlett in the JPR/Sequential, car 99. He placed a 2.04.432.

Massive congratulations, also, to Jolly Roger Racing, who didn't make the podium, but won the petrol Championship. It has been a fantastic year for drivers Mark Jaffray, Andrew Beverley, Ben Gill, Mike Humphreys and Simon Isbister.



OULTON PARK PHOTOGRAPHS

Click on the link

http://s855.photobucket.com/profile/FUN_CUPEUK

to view some brilliant pictures from this round!

Thank you Marv!





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Championship Points

Please find below the top three teams in the TDI and petrol Fun Cup classes to date. Please remember after the final round at Oulton Park, you must drop one round from the total score. Taking that into account, the top three from each category are as follows:

TDI CLASS STANDINGS (TOP 3)

CAR NO.	TEAM	POINTS
Car 147	Team Honeywell	332 pts
Car 211	Track Torque Racing	322 pts
Car 101	JPR/Racelogic	308 pts

PETROL CLASS STANDINGS (TOP 3)

CAR NO.	TEAM	POINTS
Car 257	Jolly Roger Racing	312 pts
Car 92	Purple Apple	312 pts
Car 88	JPR/Ecurie Escargot	307 pts

1st and 2nd place was especially close in the petrol class, but Jolly Roger managed to win the title, having had more 2nd place finishes.



Claire House Fundraising

I am still genuinely overwhelmed by the generosity of those that attended our hog roast and fundraising event, the night before the race. You never fail to let us down, year after year! It really is quite incredible!

I am delighted to announce that we raised nearly £15,000 for Claire House Children's Hospice! Every single person that contributed, by donating prizes, bidding at the auction and buying raffle tickets, should really be proud, because your combined efforts have helped an extremely worthwhile cause.

Many of you have also sent kind emails about the event, so a huge thank you for those.

Helen Carlson from Claire House, said: "I'd like to say a huge thank you to both the organisers and everyone who attended the Fun Cup Friday night bash. Claire House Children's Hospice was delighted to hear we had been invited back for the 2nd year running and I didn't dare think it was even possible to beat 2010's fundraising success of £10,391.48. But, it turned out that through determination, support of our great cause and a bit of good hearted banter, we smashed last year's figure and we couldn't be happier!"

She continued: "In addition, a few of our children came down to see the race on the Saturday and were given first class treatment by the Fun Cup and our beloved team Scarab. The Lloyd boys text me saying 'THANK YOU FUN CUP FOR A WONDERFUL, FUN DAY. WE REALLY ENJOYED OURSELVES AND HOPE WE CAN COME BACK NEXT YEAR. SHAME ABOUT THE PUNCTURE SCARAB, BUT 3RD TIME LUCKY. YOU GUYS ARE ALL AMAZING. LOVE THE LLOYD BOYS.' On behalf of Claire House, thank you so much to everyone who made this possible".





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End of Season Party & Awards

I am delighted that we have more teams than ever attending the party this year! We are set for a great evening! If you haven't ordered your tickets yet, please email: roxie@funcup.co.uk asap.

Discounted Media Training

Fun Cup commentator and presenter, Chris Hartley, is running two new media training courses in November and December.

His Media Chimp courses are aimed specifically at racing drivers and provide an interesting – and hopefully, fun, insight into the way the media works, with an emphasis on fine-tuning your own media and interview skills, as well as understanding how to get the best TV exposure for your sponsors.

There's a real interactive element, using video and editing software and all interviews and activities will be filmed by a professional camera operator for instant analysis and review.

The courses run at Oulton Park on Thursday 24th November and Brands Hatch, on Thursday 1st December. The courses take place from 9.30am – 4.30pm. Refreshments and snacks are provided throughout the day, plus a full buffet lunch.

The standard cost is £220 per person, but friends of the Fun Cup/Saker Challenge are all entitled to a 15% discount, bringing this down to £187. For further details visit www.themediachimp.co.uk, or email Chris at themediachimp@gmail.com or call him on 07788 534845.

Finally...

The end of season party and awards is going to be a great night for us to all get together and celebrate a massively successful 2011 Fun Cup championship! I can't wait to see you all there! See you there!

Kindest regards

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Race Co-ordinator

