

## Piston Heads win the Racers Class The Evil Squire win Friends/Family Class

Our first Fun Race of 2009 here already and the forecast say good weather which will make a change. 16 teams arrived in bright sunshine with excellent track conditions so we were hopeful.

- The fun Race is a Full one hour two driver team endurance
- Practice/Qualifying session with two classes of entry
- Friends & Family class - Racers class and 15 minute driver changes.

After driver briefing, the teams started their 10 minute practice/qualifying session which gave a chance for the drivers to familiarise themselves with the track before the one hour event.

(# indicates Friends/Family Class)

We had one driver who would not be in the trophies as he was on his own and would do two run rounds as he wanted some track time.

The more experienced of the two drivers would “usually” start the race. The classes are Racers - Both Race regularly OR Friends/Family, either One Racer and one Novice or Two Novices.

Qualifying underway and both drivers would go out for 5 minutes each to get used to the karts and the track. Craig Knowles (49ers in the Enduro) took pole position for #The Gits with a time of 51.552, Solero 2<sup>nd</sup>, Piston Heads 3<sup>rd</sup>, Motorsport 88 4<sup>th</sup>, #The Simpson 5<sup>th</sup>, #The Evil Squire 6<sup>th</sup>, Dam Busters 7<sup>th</sup>, Over 40's 8<sup>th</sup>, #Beauty & The Beast 9<sup>th</sup> and Shake n Bake 20<sup>th</sup>. #Fowl Play 11<sup>th</sup>, #PD Motorsport 12<sup>th</sup>, Mario Karts winners in the past two Fun Events in the Friends/family class moved to the Racers class and qualified 13<sup>th</sup>, #The Stigs 14<sup>th</sup>, #Spitfire 15<sup>th</sup> and #Team O'Toole 16<sup>th</sup>.

All gridded and ready to go for the lights to green and all away except the Over 40s whose kart appeared to stall (they qualified 6<sup>th</sup>!) on the grid leaving them on their lonesome. Pitcrew onto the grid and restart the kart holding them in the pits until the group come round again. Race Director Phil Ling asked for him to be held and put him back into the pack.

All karts around with Motorsport 88 the very experienced Matt Rudd gaining 3 places taking the lead by the first corner, closely followed by Solero. #PD Motorsport having a good start moving to 8<sup>th</sup>. The Simpsons losing places down to 11<sup>th</sup>.

As the first driver is the most experienced in both classes a good battle was going on between, Motorsport 88, Solero, #The Gits, Piston Head and #The Evil Squire. Further down the grid #Fowl Play and #Beauty & The Beast were swapping positions. #Spitfire found the tyres at Hairpin one every lap losing time and having a good view of the whole track!

15 minutes gone already and we have our first driver changes. #Spitfire are the first to change drivers and although not in the trophies Motorsport 88 does a “run around!” leaving #The Gits to take the lead. A very close battle between Solero and Piston Heads bumper to bumper exchanging positions with Shake n Bake and #The Evil Squire in the mix.

The half way mark and all looking good. Considering some of the drivers had not raced before the driving standards were exceptional. Everyone was driving to their own ability and having their own battles with groups in their own classes further down the field. This is the purpose of this event, to come along and “Have a Go” without the pressure of a Championship!

With the second driver change complete we are back to the more experienced drivers. Motorsport 88 still leads, Piston Heads 2<sup>nd</sup>, Shake n Bake 3<sup>rd</sup>, #The Evil Squire (first of the Friends/Family Class) 4<sup>th</sup>, Solero 5<sup>th</sup>, Dam Busters 6<sup>th</sup>, #Fowl Play 7<sup>th</sup>, #The Gits 8<sup>th</sup>, #Beauty & The Beast 9<sup>th</sup>, #PD Motorsport 10<sup>th</sup>, #The Simpsons 11<sup>th</sup>, Mario Karts 12<sup>th</sup>, #The Stigs 13<sup>th</sup>, Over 40's 14<sup>th</sup>, #Team O'Toole 15<sup>th</sup> and #Spitfire 16<sup>th</sup>.

With everyone settling down again the majority of lap times are in the 51s with #The Gits taking the fastest lap of the race 51.489 (Craig). On lap 42 Piston Heads and Solero side by side as they go through the esses and down the hill for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively. Who would we see coming past Café first? Piston Heads keep their nerve and hold position. #The Simpsons keeping Mario Karts behind them in different classes and the Over 40s who never recovered from the start down in 13<sup>th</sup>.

Unfortunately, although not on the same lap #Spitfire and Dam Busters have a coming together into the esses taking #Spitfire onto the grass; this was a racing incident and a contact warning went out to Dam Busters who courtesy apologised.

Into the final 15 minutes and after the final driver changes, Motorsport 88 lead, Piston Heads 2<sup>nd</sup>, Solero 3<sup>rd</sup>, Shake n Bake 4<sup>th</sup>, #The Evil Squire 5<sup>th</sup>, Dam Busters 6<sup>th</sup>, #PD Motorsport 7<sup>th</sup>, #The Gits 8<sup>th</sup>, #Fowl Play 9<sup>th</sup>, #The Simpson 10<sup>th</sup>, #Beauty & The Beast 11<sup>th</sup>, Mario Karts 12<sup>th</sup>, Over 40s 13<sup>th</sup>, #The Stigs 14<sup>th</sup>, #Team O'Toole 15<sup>th</sup> and #Spitfire 16<sup>th</sup>.

After one hour Motorsport 88 take the win but not in a trophy position, promoting Piston Heads to 1<sup>st</sup>, Solero 2<sup>nd</sup>, Shake n Bake 3<sup>rd</sup>, first of the Friends Family Class #The Evil Squire 4<sup>th</sup>, Dam Busters 5<sup>th</sup>, second of the FF Class #PD Motorsport 7<sup>th</sup>, and #Fowl Play 8<sup>th</sup>. #Beauty & The Beast 9<sup>th</sup>, Mario Karts 10<sup>th</sup>. (the usual team partner of Carl could not make this event - come back Sarah or back to the Friends/Family Class!). #The Gits 11<sup>th</sup>, #The Simpsons 12<sup>th</sup>, Over 40s 13<sup>th</sup>, #The Stigs 14<sup>th</sup>, #Team O'Toole 15<sup>th</sup> and #Spitfire 16<sup>th</sup>.

I hope you all enjoyed the first race of 2009. No Black flags and great sportsmanship.

***Our next Fun Event is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2009 Arrival 10AM***

## RACERS CLASS

Position	Team	Drivers
1 <sup>st</sup> Place - Single Driver	Motorsport 88	Matt Rudd
Winners	Piston Heads	Garry & Danny Koven
Runners up	Solero	Dan Marshall & Adam Petty
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shake n Bake	David Townrow & James Cunningham
4 <sup>th</sup>	Over 40's	Sue Fursey & Andy Woolnough
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mario Karts	Carl & Aaron Thompson
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dam Busters	Ashley Grant & Roland Maraldo

## FRIENDS & FAMILY CLASS

Position	Team	Drivers
Winners	The Evil Squire	Daniel & Garin Squire
Runners up	PD Motorsport	Gareth Longhurst & Aaron Mogford
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fowl Play	Graham Flynn & Rowan Willman
4 <sup>th</sup>	Beauty & The Beast	Keith Hutton & Dan Lovelock
5 <sup>th</sup>	The Gits	Craig Knowles & Rob Skinner
6 <sup>th</sup>	The Simpsons	Charles Punnett & Paul Simpson
7 <sup>th</sup>	The Stigs	James Holman & Robert Wilson
8 <sup>th</sup>	Spitfire	Alan Marsh & Luke Pain
9 <sup>th</sup>	Team O'Toole	Martin & David O'Toole



Winners Podium  
Spring Fun Race



Group shot  
Spring Fun Race