



RG MOTORSPORT NEWS LETTER MARCH 2010



Dear Customers and Friends

Well, 2010 is upon us and we hope you all had a great festive season and a good holiday.

We kicked off the year with a dyno day which was held on Saturday 23rd January. What a great day it turned out to be. We were worried about the weather as that week it rained and rained and it was predicted that we were gonna have 80% chance of rain on the day. The weather turned out great with a few showers but not enough to send anyone home. The day started for us at 6.00am and cars were already queuing up outside our doors, by 8.00am 50 cars had registered and taken their place in the queue. A queue that stretched down the road and around the corner. A total of 84 cars took their turns on the Dyno and some very impressive figures were recorded.

Our 4 wheel drive dyno churned out a total of 15,439.6kw on the day. We could have lit a small town.....

With music pumping out , a nice sunny day , Stuart Johnson doing his thing as MC for the day, spot prizes, great wows rolls, and the sound of the Dyno pumping out kw's, the atmosphere was very festive and it seems a good time was had by all. As darkness fell and lights had to be turned on, the dyno was still roaring its way into the night with the final run being done at 20.05 and we all drifted off home feeling that the day had been a great success. A **BIG** thank you to all that participated, drivers and spectators alike, and for waiting in a queue that seemed endless at times.

And last but not least, a big shout out to our staff that endeavored to make this day a great one.

CONGRATS

Congrat 's to Larry Ouzman for winning the TORCO competition and to Clinton Naidoo for getting the closes guess in kw's for his vehicle . He estimated 176 and achieved 175.9.....Well done to both of you.

Bev Parkinson

RGMotorsport KYALAMI RACE RESULTS – 20th February 2010

A dry hot Highveld day greeted race fans for the season opener at the historic Midrand circuit. News and gossip abounded as teams announced their plans and team changes for the year but nothing seemed to capture the imagination of all concerned as much as the new race format.

Strategies changed and the emphasis on a fast lap time diminished as the knowledge of the new 3 race format sunk in. Teams now discussed the importance of being in the fray for all 3 heats, with particular emphasis on the double points being awarded for race 3.

RACE 1

Polesitter after qualifying was Leeroy Poulter in the **RGMotorsport** tuned 350Z, who pedalled his Tubular Tech Nissan to the top spot and then straight into the race lead, which he held for only 1 lap till clutch problems set in. Anthony Taylor seemed to have the legs on him as he powered his Afrox BMW 335i into an unassailable lead. Poulter struggled gamely in second place until a hard charging Johan Fourie (INDY Oil Audi) squeezed past him on lap 4. Fourie held second with Poulter third and Afrox BMW man, Priest fourth. Priest had a good dice, passing Stephen (Engen Extreme Audi) on lap four. Stephen, initially third, suffered brake problems and slid down to sixth. Marco da Cunha (Tubular Tech/**RGMotorsport** Nissan 350Z) took advantage of Stephen's problem, finishing fifth.

Class T was more complicated, Graeme Nathan (Indy Oil/**RGMotorsport** VW) had too much power for the bunch, winning easily ahead of Bonafede's Ferodo VW also tuned by **RGMotorsport**. Formato (Nando's Ford) was initially second but slipped with a broken V-belt, which hampered his power-steering. Fourth went to the improving Michael van Rooyen (Nando's Ford) with new-boy Quarmbly impressing in his Interfile **RGMotorsport** VW. Veteran, Curt Alchin finished sixth in his brightly decalated Bodyman VW, just ahead of the 3rd Nando's Ford racer, Shaun Duminy.

RACE 2

The hurriedly arranged reverse grid went smoothly, despite the prophets of doom, and within 6 minutes the 2 minute board was out and all drivers ready for the race. The top 6 were inverted in each class.

Michael Stephen had a great start and showed true mettle in keeping Anthony Taylor at bay. The 2 battled long and hard before finishing in that order. Marco da Cunha had a good drive, staying ahead of his team-mate, Leeroy Poulter to clinch third in the two **RGMotorsport** tuned 350Z's. Fifth went to Melvill Priest ahead of a recovering Tschops Sipuka who managed to stay ahead of Johan Fourie. Hennie Groenewald and Lee Thompson reversed positions for this outing.

Graeme Nathan seemed to breeze to the front of the pack with consummate ease, reaching the lead by lap 2 and staying ahead for the full duration. He was followed over the line by Gennaro Bonafede, the youngster showing a great turn of pace. Third went to Shaun Duminy who battled gamely with team-

mate Michael van Rooyen. Curt Alchin, who lost clutch pressure midway through the race held on to 5th. Sixth and seventh went to Heinz Bose and George Smalberger followed by Modack.

RACE 3

The double-points third race got away to a clean start, Anthony Taylor blasting his turbo-charged BMW into the lead, a position he held untroubled for the duration of the 10 lapper. Leeroy Poulter held station in second place, his recently replaced gearbox holding out. He seemed destined for the runner-up position but Michael Stephen had other ideas, catching him on lap seven and squeezing through on the final tour. Melvill Priest was a victim of Stephen, whose great drive demoted Priest to 4th. Marco da Cunha was impressive, holding off Johan Fourie for 6 laps when the latter pitted with tyre problems. This left da Cunha to a comfortable 5th, followed home by Thompson and Groenewald.

Class T provided the surprise result of the day, Graeme Nathan led initially and looked set to romp home. Young Bonafede hounded him lap after lap before finally passing the GTI star on the last lap. Quarmbly had a great drive to third with **RGMotorsport** tuned GTI's filling all three steps on the podium and leading home Alchin, Formato and Duminy. Smalberger, Modack and Esa followed.

In all, a great days racing, punctuated by some good, clean racing. The season opener showed that we are in for a bumper season with closely contested rivalries all through the field.

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