

Snetterton 28th September

Final Round of the Morgan Challenge

2024 Winner Andrew Thompson

After a week of awful weather the Morgan Challenge was blessed with glorious sunshine for its last meeting of the year at Snetterton. 22 cars turned out for the two twenty minute rounds on the 300 circuit.

It was good to see Martin, Oliver and William Pratt back racing with the Challenge, and to have Peter Garland's son Sam out for his first race. Qualifying was a busy affair, with the Morgans sharing the track with the MG Midget and Sprites. William Pratt put the blue Duratec Tomcat on pole, with Andrew Thompson in his Class 2 Plus 8 second on the grid with Louis Ruff only ½ a second behind in his CX Plus Four. All was set for a battle to decide championship positions. Sadly after an incident early on in qualifying James Sumner came back to the pits on a trailer- we hope the rebuild goes well James.

Race one was very exciting to watch, with close racing between Andrew Thompson and Louis Ruff, with Louis also trying hard to stay with William Pratt. William emerged victorious, with Louis and Andrew in 2nd and 3rd place. In the middle of the field there was a real tussle for 9th place between Will Bibb in Tony Kilby's Club Sport, Jim Mountain in his 4/4 and Phil Tisdall in his green Plus 8. Tony Kilby retired with a broken throttle cable and sadly Peter Cole had a rare moment in his trusty yellow and silver Roadster Lightweight and ended up in the tyre wall. Luckily Peter walked away unhurt, although the same could not be said for the car.

In between races Tony Kilby managed to rig a new throttle cable with the help of the RTCC team, and we were treated to a fantastic buffet by Kay Kilby. Thank you Kay!

For race 2 Ollie Pratt started from the back of the grid in Tomcat, having taken over the car from brother William. Louis got a great start off the line, hotly pursued by Andrew Thompson, although the BMW engine car soon started to pull away. Meanwhile Ollie was rapidly working his way up the field and managed to catch Louis and just get ahead to take the win by just over a second. Fantastic driving!

There was another battle for 7th with Sam Garland, Phil Tisdall, Jim Mountain and Andrew Long all in the mix.

Having calculated the points, Andrew Thompson took the overall championship, congratulations Andrew! Gail Hill won class 1 in Andrew's ARV6, with James Sumner taking class 3, Phil Tisdall Class 4 and Will Bibb Class 5 after a very impressive first season.

We look forward to the Morgan Challenge growing in 2025, if you are thinking of joining us start looking for a car now!

John Bevan