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Barter at Harewood

● Cramer takes FTD but Davrian stars

CHRIS CRAMER, in his March 76A, was the fastest man at the second round of the 1978 Euroblast BARC Hill Climb championship, held at Harewood on Sunday April 9. Cramer dominated the meeting, being fastest in the class runs and then demoralising the opposition in the Run-Off with a time of 38.75s to win by almost a second. The other man who put in a remarkable performance was Charles Barter, who lowered the Modsports record in his new Davrian. Already it seems as if he might well be on his way to a third straight championship win, thus equalling Jeff Goodliff's achievements between 1968 and 1970.

In the touring car categories John Casey and George Swinbourne took their customary wins whilst John Jordan beat the man who shares the Imp, Dave Dunford, to win the small Special Saloon class. Their Imp now looks very smart in its new Jancar Export livery and after following in the shadow of Charles Barter they should have a successful year. Terry Carthy took the up to 1350 special saloon class with Brian Walker taking the larger class in his Escort Turbo, which was working properly for once. Des Richardson in his Midget took yet another victory whilst the other marque sports car classes went to Tony Marshall in his Elan and Josh Sadler in his very quick Porsche. The Modsports classes went to Charles Barter, as already mentioned, and the beefy E-Type of Haydn Spedding.

Ian Curtis again put in a creditable performance to win the clubmans class, whilst David Kennedy took another sports car class victory in his Mallock (I bet the other David Kennedy wishes he could win as often). Winner of the up to 1600cc sports car class was Scotland's very own Norrie Galbraith (Mallock U2) who recorded a time faster than that of the winner of the over 1600cc class, David Garnett in his familiar Chevron. David Gould took his Terrapin to victory in the smallest single-seater class and, in the absence of Peter Kaye, Alan Clennell took his GRD to victory in the 1001 to 1600 class.

It was the biggest single-seater class where the really quick times came, of course, of course, and in the cold conditions Chris Cramer's winning time in the class runs was 40.21s which makes his time of 38.75s in the Run-Off all the more remarkable. Martyn Griffiths consolidated in the March challenge whilst Mike MacDowel prevented a complete clean sweep for March with his very smart Coogar. Roy Lane had to settle for fourth in his now much modified March 741 which seemed very twitchy with its new nose cone.

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Class Winners: C. Moore (Mini), 58.85; John Casey (Mini), 48.56; G. Swinbourne (Escort), 47.27s; John Jordan (Imp), 45.62s; T. Carthy (Mini), 49.75s; B. Walker (Escort), 48.43s; D. Richardson (Midget), 51.32s; T. Marshall (Elan), 49.44s; J. Sadler (Porsche), 46.89s; C. Barter (Davrian), 45.25s; H. Spedding (E Type), 48.97s; I. Curtis (Mallock U2), 43.55s; D. Kennedy (Mallock U2), 47.66s; N.

Galbraith (Mallock U2), 43.08; D. Garnett (Chevron B19), 44.82s; D. Gould (Terrapin), 43.67s; A. Clennell (GRD), 42.03s; C. Cramer (March 76A), 40.21s.

Euroblast Run-off: 1. Chris Cramer (March 76A), 38.75s; 2. Martyn Griffiths (March 74P), 39.72s; 3. Mike MacDowell (Coogar), 40.07s; 4. Roy Lane (March 741), 40.11s.