

Harewood FTD for Cramer

THE second round of the Castrol/BARC Hill-Climb Championship at Harewood on Easter Sunday saw Chris Cramer in his 2-litre Grunhalle Lager March 74B make fastest time of the day with a climb of 40.67s. Cramer was nearly half a second ahead of Malcolm Dungworth (Brabham BT35X) and Roy Lane (McRae GM1) and now moves into the lead for the Castrol/BARC's FTD Championship three points ahead of Roy Lane.

Last year's Castrol/BARC Champion, Mike Flather, led on handicap through his two class runs and the top ten run-off, producing a class record beating time of 48.50s in the class runs which he bettered to 48.09s in the run-off, driving the same car that was used last year - the supercharged Mini Cooper prepared by Aldon Automotive.

The event, known as 'The Andrews Brothers/Alfa Romeo Spring Hill-Climb' featured a special award for the fastest Alfa Romeo of the day, and this was won by Peter Hilliard in his Alfa GTV with a time of 52.87s in Class 3. This time gave him third place in the class behind Allan Forrest (Escort RS2000) with a time of 50.40s and Jim Thomson (Alfa Montreal) with a time of 52.80s. Even though Jim Thomson was quicker than Peter Hilliard he is entered in the Castrol/BARC Championship and therefore did not qualify for the special award.

The Voigt Renwick Special in the hands of Peter Voigt made an appearance in the class for Racing Cars up to 1100cc and climbed the hill in 50.96s winning in the process the 'Man of the Meeting' award. The 4-cylinder Konig marine engine special was certainly driven with great spirit, even though Peter Voigt was some way behind the class leader, John Crowson in his Rawlings Chasers BL with a time of 45.11s.

Despite suffering from braking problems during practice Chris Cramer in his March 74B led the Racing Cars over 1600cc class with a time of 41.25s on his first run, although challenged by the large and very immaculate McRae of Roy Lane with a time of 41.35s, and further improved to 40.95s on his second run.

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FTD: C. Cramer (Grunhalle Lager March 74B), 40.67s.

Class winners: M. Flather (Aldon Cooper) 48.50s*; N. Porter (Cooper S) 47.54s; A. Forrest (Ford Escort RS2000) 50.40s; A. Cox (Cooper S) 47.78s; R. Hand (Ford Anglia) 47.22s; D. Cmweley (MG TC 57.9s; M. Errills (Austin-Healey Sprite) 49.17s; R. Baldwin (Lotus Elan S4) 48.13s; N. Lewis (MG Costello B) 52.69s; R. Ward (Aldon Healey Sprite) 47.42s; P. Bennett (Jaguar E-type) 44.76s; M. Bartram (Moss Tyres Special) 45.56s; J. Barratt (Theta 002 BL) 45.36s; P. Scragg (Chevron B19 BMW) 43.33s; J. Crowson (Rawlings Chasers BL) 45.11s; D. Betts (Royale KP11 FB Ford) 43.40s; C. Cramer (March 74B Hart) 40.95s.

* Class record.

Castrol/BARC Top Five Run-Off: 1, C. Cramer (March 74B) 40.67s; 2, M. Dungworth (Brabham BT35X) 41.15s; 3, R. Lane (McRae GM1) 41.16s; 4, T. Bancroft (McLaren M10B) 41.61s; 5, A. Douglas-Osborn (Temple Row Special) 42.32s.

Castrol/BARC Top Ten Run-Off: 1, M. Flather (Aldon Cooper) 8.58 marks; 2, P. Bennett (Jaguar E-type) 8.35 marks; 3, N. Porter (Cooper S) 8.06 marks; 4, C. Rogers (Cooper S) 6.72 marks; 5, A. Cox (Cooper S) 6.52 marks; 6, P. Riley (Imp) 6.45 marks; 7, M. Bartram (Moss Tyres Special) 6.01 marks; 8, R. Hand (Ford Anglia) 5.96 marks; 9, P. Voigt (Voigt Renwick Special) 5.89 marks; 10, R. Ward (Aldon Healey Sprite) 5.64 marks.

Castrol/BARC Hill Climb Championship: 1, M. Flather 17.41; 2, N. Porter 16.14; 3, A. Cox 13.77.

Castrol/BARC FTD Awards: 1, C. Cramer 9; 2, R. Lane 6; 3, M. MacDowel 5.