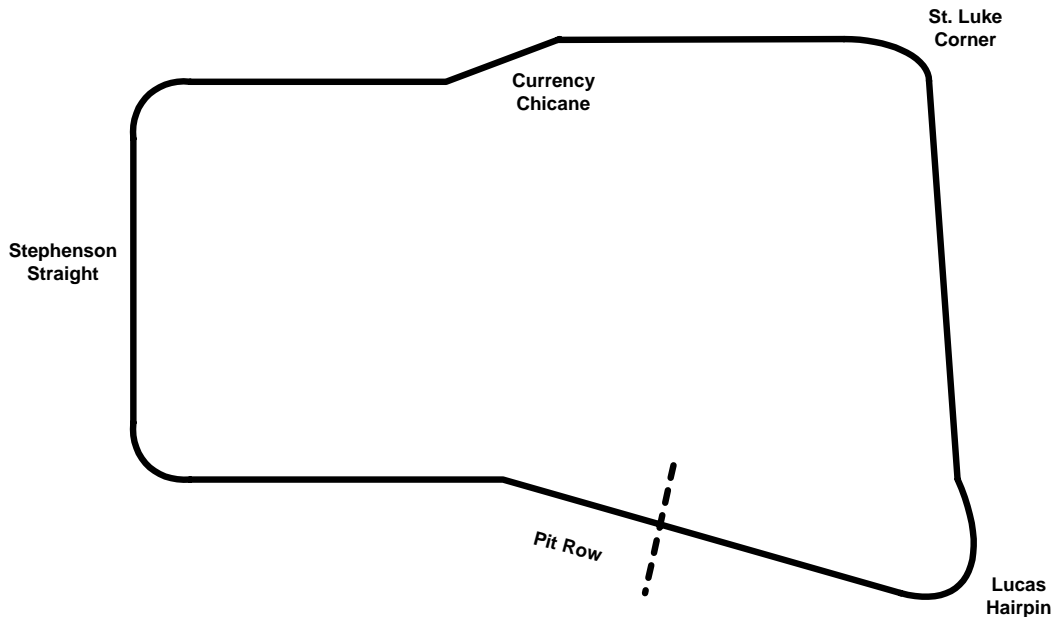




BFC XMODS Racing Series Stephensondörf Course

November 14, 2003



Time Keeper: Bob Klein

Track Marshals: R. Bower, P. Pai, K. Morrison

Starting Grid:

Pole – R. Hester (25.16), 2 – K. Schloer (25.50), 3 – M. Schaub (33.83), 4 – A. Santamarina (34.13), 5 – K. Berning (39.07), 6 – B. Lucas (39.41), 7 – G. Stephenson (53.61), 8 – A. Romack, 9 – M. Lombardo

The Nissans Take It!

The field grew to an unmanageable number so series organizers decided to run two heats. With the final heat comprised of the top three finishers from each heat the points were up for grabs with the most competitive field in the history of the Stephensonörf.

The field became silent at the news that the veteran driver Gary Stephenson was returning to the series after his back injury. His experience and consistent driving was putting the fear in everyone in the points race. Pai himself had to take the wheel behind the Michelin sponsored Acura due to a mysterious absence of his German driver Michael Schaub and Al Romack added his muscular freelance car to the fold.

The final heat had a clean start and as always a leader jumped ahead out of the hairpin. K. Berning was able to elude the mêlée and dive first into St. Luke's Corner. A minor hiccup in the Chicane on the second lap allowed Hester's Nissan to slip by and take the lead. Hester maintained the lead as both Berning and Santamarina offered a sound chase. It wasn't until the 2nd to last lap where traffic slowed the #8 car of Russell Hester and Santamarina caught the Swiss. Santamarina was freed of any gremlins this time around and finally was able to perform as everyone has expected, I am sure his sponsors will let him out of the dog house.

With Santamarina, Hester and Berning away at a celebrity race in Germany the field will be ripe for those in the top four to take over the points lead. Watch for Keith Schloer to have a strong showing next week with Bill Lucas and Al Romack nipping at his heels.

Results:

1 – A. Santamarina (Nissan)*, 2 – R. Hester (Nissan), 3 – K. Berning (Acura), 3 – K. Schloer (Honda), 5 – B. Lucas (Toyota), 6 - M. Lombardo (Toyota)

*Results still under review due to protest by #8 car.

Organizer Notes:

MANY, MANY thanks for the official, and road marshals (we need more marshals – see Bob Klein for details). Still looking for course ideas (course changes on December 1st)

Results are posted outside of Gary Stephenson's office.