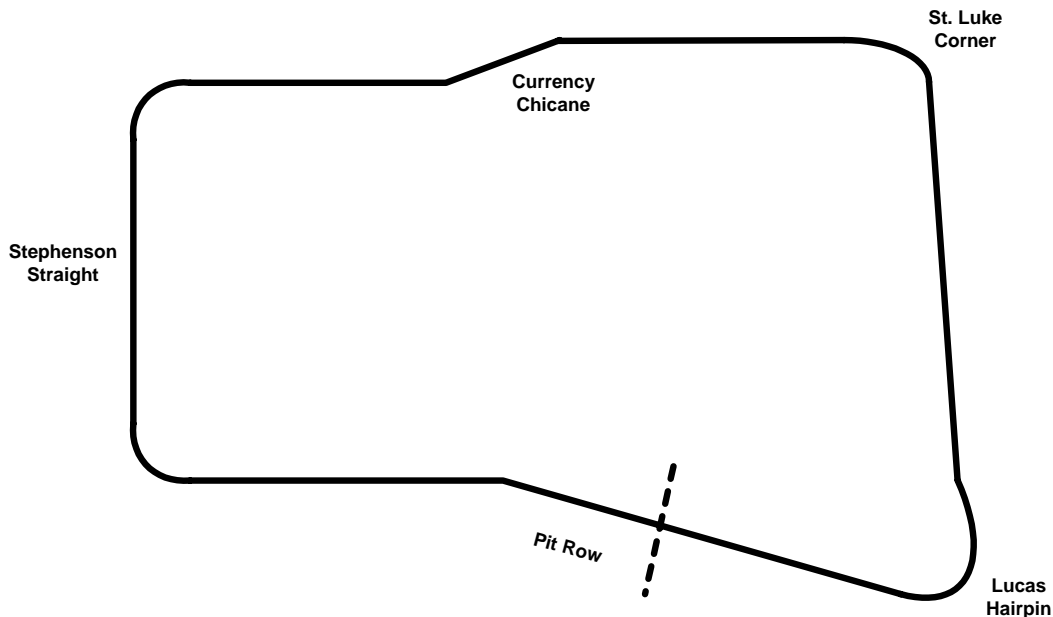




BFC XMODS Racing Series Stephensondörf Course

November 26, 2003



Time Keeper: Bob Klein

Track Marshals: R. Bower, M. Clough, C. Fisher, D. Mangano

Starting Grid:

Pole – A. Romack (25.81), 2 – R. Hester (26.11), 3 – A. Santamarina (28.48), 4 – P. Pai (31.04), 5 – G. Stephenson (37.46), 6 – K. Morrison (38.22), 7 - K. Schloer (51.70), 8 – K. Berning (53.94)

Tire Selection Makes The Winning Difference!

Last week's rest brought out fierce competition as the drivers raced the clock at Stephenson. The qualifying served as a wake up call for driver's Russ Hester and Aland Santamarina when new driver Al Romack powered into the pole position with the second fastest qualifying time at this track. While the steady running of K. Morrison in Hester's #2 car and G. Stephenson in the new Toyota is continually raising the bar.

The installation of the new DiamondVision™ screen at the start finish line drew both spectators and drivers alike watching closely as the field posted competitive times. The track conditions were immaculate and the crowd was primed for some great holiday racing.

With the strongest showing in his career Keith Schloer blew away the field in the 5 lap time trial, leaving points leader Russ Hester wishing he could somehow gain back the 0.05s he lost in turn 4 on the second to last lap. Schloer's tire selection gave him that extra edge, rivaling Senna's historical 0.02 second win over Mansel at Silverstone. Even though Hester and Santamarina both went with new rubber the near perfect track conditions on race day were not even close to the quagmire that we saw during qualifying and it surely had an affect on the performance of the Nissan's.

The point standings saw a good mix up as K. Berning battled steering problems for all 5 laps. He struggled with the gremlins all week during practice but was unable to rid himself of them before the green flag dropped. Berning's difficulties allowed Schloer to leap frog him in the points and now Schloer sits only a ½ point out of second. Hester still holds a commanding lead in the points with his second place finish today but is beginning to feel the field nipping at his heels. Can he handle the pressure? We'll find out more next week...

Results:

1 – K. Schloer (56.520s), 2 – R. Hester (56.570s), 3 – A. Santamarina (62.451s), 4 – A. Romack (63.348s), 5 – K. Morrison (67.720s), 6 – G. Stephenson (102.392s), 7 – K. Berning (107.269s)

Organizer Notes:

Aland's Time Trial tracking program certainly added to the drama and made Bob's job easier this holiday week. Once again, thanks to everyone for pitching together to keep the setup and tare down timely. We are back to the 3 heat group race next week for the final at Stephenson (a set of new bearings are at stake!). Then the doors are blown off in December when the Open Class starts (more details after the race on Friday).