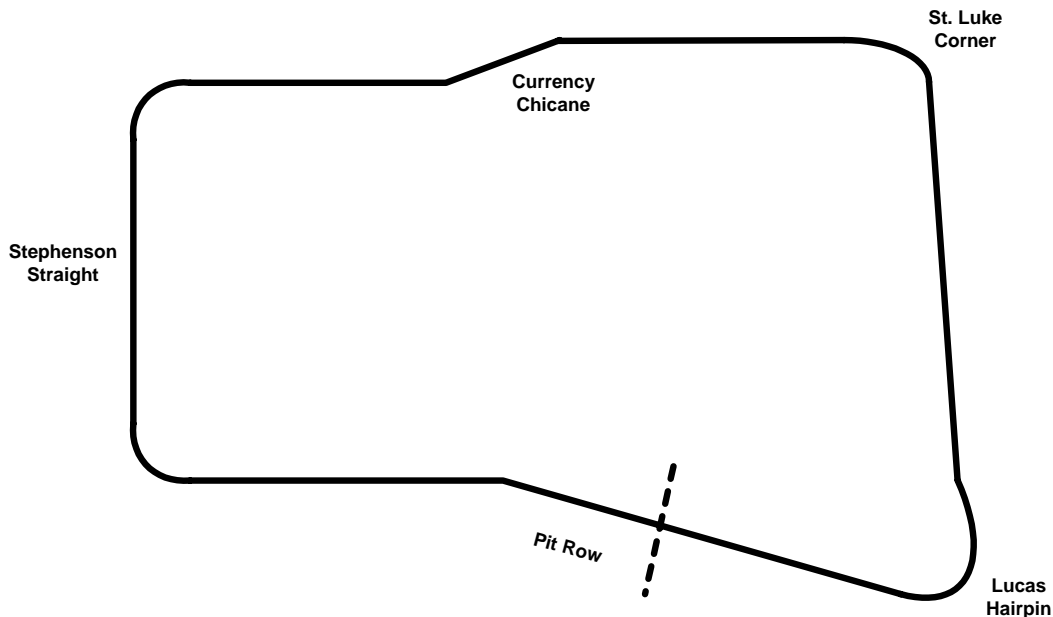




# BFC XMODS Racing Series Stephensondörf Course

December 5, 2003



**Time Keeper:** Bob Klein

**Track Marshals:** S. Martin, U. Vaidya, G. Stephenson, P. Pai, B. Lucas

### Starting Grid:

Pole – K. Morrison (18.73), 2 – A. Romack (21.04), 3 – K. Berning (21.10), 4 – R. Hester (21.21), 5 – A. Santamarina (21.75), 6 – G. Stephenson (27.90), 7 – K. Schloer (32.52), 8 – B. Lucas (43.61), 9 – P. Pai (45.65)

### Schloer Takes Two In A Row

The field was off kilter today. Construction on the straight between the hairpin and St. Luke's forced the race organizers to shorten the course, leaving the drivers coping with a stretch of poor pavement. Add to that the fact that none of the point leaders were in the front of the grid and you've got yourself one interesting race. When asked about the new driving surface driver Aland Santamarina commented; "[Real road racers drive in the slick stuff, like rain.](#)" He continued to mention that race organizers should consider racing in wet conditions.

This was the most competitive racing yet. The field was tight and heat 1 and 2 racing was intense. Pole sitter K. Morrison was up against some angry competition in the race day heats and regrettably failed to reach the final, but proved to the leaders that the other drivers must be reckoned with.

The field started clean through turn one but the traffic was chock a block at St. Luke's. Front runners R. Hester, A. Santamarina, and K. Schloer broke free and started their battle for 1, 2 and 3. As they started to lap traffic they grappled with the lead among the three, with the end result of K. Schloer running away after Santamarina was consumed by the frost coming out of the Alps on Stephensondörf straight. Ironical that he had issues with wet driving! And Hester just could not find his way through the traffic. He was not alone, K. Berning was showing strong but midway through the race had a fuel cell ruptured when he was rammed by race leader Schloer. This was most unfortunate since the Acura's steering issues were finally resolved from last week.

With his win Schloer has continued moving up the ladder and now sits in second, only 4 points out of first in the series. Hester could not handle the traffic or the pressure, the field is nipping at his heels indeed.

If construction persists racers may be faced with a course change or yet an even shorter version of Stephensondörf.

### Results:

1 – K. Schloer (3:24.04), 2 – A. Santamarina, 3 – R. Hester, 4 – A. Romack, 5 – K. Berning, 6 – K. Morrison

### Organizer Notes:

Open class starts next week!! See the points scheme posted at Gary's office to know what mods draw which penalties. **Many, many thanks to those who were course marshals; we couldn't have had a good race without you.**

Keep the rubber side down... Russ