

Wakefield Thunderdome

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Leaving Wollongong it was a mild 16 degrees, the Southern Highland a bearable 4 degrees. On arrival at Wakefield Park it was nippy to say the least at a ridiculous -1!

Round 3 of Australia's premier Endurance Championship takes the countries best teams to a track, by nature that's more of speed bowl.

The top teams in A grade separated by only a few points. JBM 2 first, with Kinetic desperate for the championship lead in second. BRM (the point hoares of the series) quietly accumulating enough points to be in third close enough to also challenge for the top In B grade BRM 2 was aiming for a hat trick of wins. The fight behind was furious with SMS and Havacrac tied for second and XLR8 only four points behind. Also a good result from CMB would be enough to get them back in the championship fight.

Qualifying was only 10 mins due to the restricted timetable. Not surprisingly JBM again managed first in B grade with PK Digital second (their coming on big time), and XLR8 third. Lusty didn't surprise with another pole position in A. Quick Connect were second, with Kinetic managing 3rd in only 4 laps.

The start of the race saw a repeat of Newcastle with Lusty, Quick Connect and Kinetic leaving the field and doing battle out front. In B BRM 2 (who may be handicapped next round) raced with SMS and XLR8 for the lead. Things didn't change much till beyond the half way mark where there was a pace car and all teams dealt with it differently. Toward the end of the race Kara Kar had a huge amount of pace sitting in second behind Kinetic's Benson. JBM 2 had been fast besides hold up at the fuel bay, Lusty was on a mission and BRM were just thinking 'points'.

In B grade SMS had mechanical difficulties (an off included in that), CMB were having a great run ahead of XLR8. Another team having an awesome run was DBR in their first race battling with Havacrac.

The finish was exciting with several positions being fought! Kinetic and Lusty for the win, Kara Kar and JBM 2 for fourth, CMB, XLR8 and JBM competing for second in B grade. DBR was still goin at it with Havacrac. In the end it was great to see the first six positions filled by A grade teams. The new Benson goes Ballistic at Wakefield for a win with Lusty, BRM, Kara Kar, JBM 2 and Quick Connect following.

In B, BRM 2 managed three wins from three races with XLR8 second and CMB back in the Championship hunt with third. The series is real close approaching the 4th round.

We'll see 30 karts, at possibly the best stretch of black stuff in the country, Raleigh Coffs Harbour.

Bring it on!!