

Italia-Sardinia 2006 Sportscar Challenge

24-29 September

Congratulations to Mike Messenger and Daan Rens on winning a tough Italia-Sardinia 2006 in their 1800 Zetec SSC. Second overall, and winner of the 2000cc class, after leading for much of the event, was again James Miles in his Turbo Cosworth self made Sportster, with navigator Roger Turner.

Congratulations also to class winners Richard Winter & Nick Pakes taking the 1000cc class in their Smart Roadster. Reuben Alcock & Caroline Alcock, on their first endurance rally, winning the 1600cc class in a Westfield, and Francie Clarkson & Clare Owen winning the over 2000cc class in a Caterham.

The results also show that only first, second, and third placed crews (3rd overall: Gordon Hick and Brad Snow in their 2000 Zetec Fisher Fury) reached every control and attained Gold. The only Silver went to Richard Winter & Nick Pakes, missing one control when an off re-shaped their back wheel. And 5th overall Chris Shanahan and Maggie Gough the only Bronze, missing just two controls. Of the remaining cars, ten were Finishers. This is an impressive achievement considering the level of concentration needed to stay on the route and keep on schedule. Certificates for all of you.

The marshalls wish to pass on their thanks to the competitors for the collection, much appreciated.

Please find enclosed the final results. And thank you all for making the Italia-Sardinia 2006 such a good event, and for the organisers such an eventful week.

James Miles is again organising a get together for Guild of Motor Endurance competitors and friends at the Exeter Kit Car Show. It has become the custom now to all meet up and have a drink and meal together at the Exeter Arms Hotel (tel: 01392 435353). A room has been booked this year for a film show, and photographs, between 6pm & 8pm on the Saturday evening (18th). If anybody has any footage of the 2006 (or previous events) on DVD format, please bring it along. The room rate is very reasonable for those who want to stay over night.

Work has commenced on the 2007 Sportscar Challenge. And with some excitement a concentration of really testing good tarmac roads have been found within a region renowned for it's spectacular scenery. Hope to see you all again in September 2007.

Peter & Carol.

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Results

Overall winner: Mike Messenger & Daan Rens, SSC Stylus

2nd overall: James Miles & Roger Turner, Sportster Sevensque

Class E over 2000cc

Winner: Francie Clarkson & Clare Owen, Caterham CSR 260

Runner-up: Janette Curtis & Andrew Curtis, Marlin Sportster

Class D 1801 – 2000cc

Winner: James Miles & Roger Turner, Sportster Sevensque

Runner-up: Gordon Hick & Brad Snow, Fisher Fury

Class C 1601 – 1800cc

Winner: Mike Messenger & Daan Rens, SSC Stylus

Runner-up: Chris Shanahan & Maggie Gough, Caterham Seven

Class B 1001 – 1600cc

Winner: Reuben Alcock & Caroline Alcock, Westfield SE

Runner-up: Paul Creighton & Julie Creighton, Caterham Super Seven

Class A up to 1000cc

Winner: Richard Winter & Nick Pakes, Smart Roadster

Runner-up: Ulla McNiven & Solja Salminen, Liege

Spirit of the Event:

Bill Davenport & Nicole Davenport, Lomax 223

Winning Team: 'Miserable Old Buggers'
Chris Shanahan & Maggie Gough, Caterham Seven

James Miles & Roger Turner, Sportster Sevensque
Francie Clarkson & Clare Owen, Caterham CSR 260

Peter Rowlinson Trophy, for best performance in a seven type sportscar
James Miles & Roger Turner, Sportster Sevensque

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