

2011 Central Towing HQ Enduro

The hope of having several interstate competitors “stay over” for the Enduro after the Nationals was never realized. Tony Maloney from Victoria was our sole interstater. I am sure Tony had a good time and while not appearing on the imaginary podium, he had plenty of laps and many fought with the other Tony (Bobridge)

While qualifying is not important for a one hour race, it was Neil (Peter Pan) Corey who was quickest from Graham Mason and Gav Porteous. Of the twenty one starters, the first three were in the 29s but Jenkins and Crouch were not far behind. Brad Fox in his first outing in Dave Hoggin’s beautifully prepared car was ninth.

Enduro Part 1.

With very car gassed up, drivers full of fluid and the sun shining they were off for the first of the two one hour stages.

Corey led from Mason and Porteous for the first eight laps, and at around that time Mason took the lead, and Big Gav copped a “drive through” for kerb hopping. The officials have been threatening to do this for some time. Guess they’re serious. Behind these three, Crouch, Pratt and Boulter were doing battle, with Crouch dropping off and after several position changes over some fifteen laps Boulter eventually getting a break on Pratt.

By lap twenty five, Porteous was back into third place, pressing Corey who was suffering a slipping clutch. As the race wore on Boulter overhauled Corey and then an ailing Jenkins.

When the flag came out after 38 grueling laps and the end of the first hour it was Mason from Porteous and Boulter with Pratt, Corey and a fast finishing Fox not far behind. Close finishes from Crosbie and Chairman Dino, also Munn, Bond and Couprie.

Enduro Part 2.

The second hour, which most expected to restart behind the Safety Car, was gridded in order of the first hour finish.

As they came through on lap one it was Porteous who led from Mason and Corey with Pratt, Crouch, Jenkins and Boulter in hot pursuit. Lap two, and Corey, Crouch and Boulter had all jumped a spot and were ready for a battle

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Then they started to drop out. Boulter with gearbox problems, Goding, head gasket, Pratt, overheating, followed by Bond and Munn.

There were some good battles through the field with the two Tonys and also Crosbie and Fox.

Porteous and Corey pulled a short break from mason, however as Corey's clutch began to slip again and he out braked himself into the esses mason took second. That's how they finished. With only nine cars on the lead lap, Crouch, Jenkins, Nicolo, Crosbie, Fox and Couprie.

1st Porteous, 2nd Mason, 3rd Corey

Thanks heaps to Denny Couprie of Central Towing for again supporting this event.