



## <sup>1</sup>International Superkart series

2009

Round 3 of the International Superkart series of 2009, races 5 and 6 took place at the Hockenheimring(D) on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August, part of the FRC (Swiss formula racing club) meeting.

Before the meeting there was a third party who told unpleasant (and unsporting) tales about the organiser of the International Superkart series and their organisation to the meeting organisers. However, they were impressed with the appearance and organisation of the Superkarts and are enthusiastic to invite the International Superkart series back next year.



The organiser was so happy with that Series and the participants, they will as half price for the pitboxes.

Due to the economic situation for some drivers and the unfortunate situation of having 2 international series, only 26 Superkart teams entered the race, with only 16 at the other series last time out.



Most teams arrived on Thursday. Friday morning had 2 free training sessions from the organisers and 1 unpaid free training, as part of the Series. Nearly all drivers used the opportunity and had much time to practice. Also on Friday there was documents control, the technical control and the driver briefing.

The technical control, like always was in the boxes and Tents of the teams.

On Saturday morning the first Qualifying lined up with outstanding weather conditions. Olaf Dau came as a spectator to the track and was there from the

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start following with tension the achievements of the drivers in the title chase for International Superkart series of 2009.

The best time came from Peter Kruse (D) with 1:41.546 and with an average speed of 162 km/h before Robert Chilcott (GB) with a time of 1:42.955. Third was Jürgen Reinke (D) before Vesa Lehtinen (Fin) and Dave Harvey (GB), impressively Kim Skrotzki with her Anderson/Rotax Kart, prepared by John Riley (RedSpeed) took 6<sup>th</sup> place, followed by Marcel



Maasmann (NL), Thomas's Wagner (D) and Jörg Bernhard (D). The second lady in the field was also fast and drove to 11<sup>th</sup>. Again in ideal weather conditions the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying took place and Peter Kruse remained on poles position, however, Jürgen Reinke with a time of 1:42.683 moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Rober Chilcott finished the second Qualifying in third followed from Dave Harvey and Vesa Lehtinen. Marcel Maasmann improved to 6<sup>th</sup> place and Kim Skrotzki seventh before Thomas's Wagner and Marcel Gorissen. Jörg Bernhard, who had to fight again with transmission problems with his PVP engine, dropped back to 10<sup>th</sup> ahead of Prsicilla Speelman.

Saturday afternoon the first race lined up at 14:15, again the weather was outstanding with approx. 25 degrees giving the drivers optimal conditions. Winner of first race was Peter Kruse with a lead of 4 seconds ahead of Robert Chilcott and Dave Harvey. Jürgen Reinke, with its new Anderson chassis a very good fourth ahead of Marcel Maasmann and Vesa Lehtinen. In 7<sup>th</sup> place Marcel Gorissen, after hard and fair fight with Jörg Bernhard, next was Priscilla Speelman before Michael Jennison. Unfortunately after 7 rounds Kim Skrotzki, Daniel Preiß, Timo Spatzek and Thomas's Wagner were out of the race.





Around 16:30 the 2<sup>nd</sup> race lined up, all participants had prepared their Karts again in time before the start. Unfortunately Jürgen Reinke could not start his engine and joined the field from the back of the pack. Winner of second race was Dave Harvey, with a great drive gaining his first victory in the International Superkart series. Dave won by 0.7 seconds lead over Marcel

Maasmann followed from Robert Chilcott. Jürgen Reinke drove a super race to finish in fourth place ahead of Marcel Gorissen who again had a great fight in the first rounds with Jörg Bernhard. Several times per round the two exchanged places, unfortunately Jörg Bernhard had problems from the 5th round so he could not follow Marcel any longer. At the end Jörg was overhauled by Michael Jennison and came 7<sup>th</sup>. Eighth was Mark Nachtgeller before Laurent Chapeau, the only French driver in the field. A good drive from Roland Bischoff to tenth beating his team partner Uli Sieker. Again bad luck for Kim Skrotzki and also Priscilla Speelman and Peter Kruse failed to finish.

Robert Chilcott with 101 points continues to lead the championship ahead of the new second place man Dave Harvey (85 points) and Vesa Lehtinen (65 points). So all of the Top 3 drivers are from the RedSpeed team of John Riley. 4<sup>th</sup> place is Peter Elkmann (50 points) before Lee Harpham (48 points) and Jürgen Reinke (47 points), next is Marcel Maasmann (40 points) and Jörg Bernhard (33 follow Points). Marcel Gorissen improved to 10<sup>th</sup> place.



We wish Jan Bakker (NL) a speedy recovery after his accident; in hospital he shows good improvements. His teammates Adrie Zaaiman and Theo Benniks accompanied him to the hospital and did not start the race.

The next and last round of the International Superkartserie 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October together

with the British Superkart championship in Assen (NL) on the TT Circuit. There again 60 drivers are expected.

