

IHRO report Hockenheim 8-9-10 September 2017.

This classic event is one off the biggest in Germany, with more than 600 classic bikes and 160 classic cars and a superb organisation.

This was the last event of the year, combined with the Dutch CMRCH. We had a grid with 32 drivers which was good. Also good.... was the weather, There was only a little bit rain at the Saturday morning practice.

The first qualifying practice was on Friday afternoon under cloudy conditions, but dry. After 20 minutes Marc Beltman on the Becks BMW, was first overall and first in the IHRO 2, second in the IHRO 2 was Tobias Werner on the Gaskins König, and third Roel Pasop on his Triumph. First IHRO 1 driver was Reinhard Neumair on his Tickle T5, second Tilmann Runck, Seely Matchless G50, and third Ton Groot on his Norton Manx. Dutchman Jeroen de Jager was the fastest IHRO 350 on his Ducati, second was German Bert Zulecher on Yamaha and third Dutchman Leo Smids also on Ducati.

The second qualifying practice was Saturday morning under wet conditions. That means that everyone was slower as yesterday, but most of the drivers did their job and were driving this wet practice because you never know what the weather is gonna do in the afternoon when the first race takes place. Halfway the practice Ton Groot had a tricky moment as he felt at the start/finish line, his bike was sliding more than 100 meters over the track.....but rider and bike were OK.

So the front row for the first race was: first Marc Beltman, second Tobias Werner and third Reinhard Neumair.

At 15:15 P.M. there was the first race over 9 laps. It is sunny than with 21 degrees. The guys showed the spectators a nice race with many overtake actions and spectacular battles. The race was won by the IHRO 2 winner Tobias Werner, second in the IHRO 2 was Marc Beltman and third Dutchman Ernst Hagen on his Honda. IHRO 1 winner was Reinhard Neumair, it was his first maiden IHRO win ever in his long IHRO racing career, second Tilmann Runck and third Dutchman Dick Kegel on his BSA.

On Saturday evening there was the IHRO/CMRCH end year party. Every driver was over there with his wife, mechanic or friends. It was very cozy, everyone enjoyed it.

Sunday afternoon 16:00 P.M. was the second race, also 9 laps and also again sunny conditions and 22 degrees. It was a copy of the first race also with nice battles and overtakes and a close finish between Tobias and Marc. They were split by half a second. They were also one and two in the IHRO 2 class, followed by third man, Dutchman Lex van Dijk on his TR Suzuki. Reinhard Neumair was winner in the IHRO 1 class again, followed by Ton Groot and third this time was Tilmann. The IHRO 350 class was won again by Jeroen de Jager, Bert again second and Leo again third.

So this was the end of the season and I hope we did a good job, hoping that Graham and Ewain are proud on us. As we see for now that we have 6 race events for next year. Hengelo, Assen, Spa, Chimay, Gedinne and Hockenheim. We are also busy to get Schleiz back on the calendar.....but you hear that right on time.

Kind Regards:

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