



**EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF RADIO OPERATED MODEL AUTOMOBILES**

## **Chairman's report EFRA GP 1:5 Touring Cars , Italy in San Lazzaro di Savena including the first round of the European Championship Formula1**



The first EFRA GP this year, at the date of April 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> 2007, was held at the track of San Lazzaro di Savena, close to Bologna in Italy. Like it was supposed before, the weather was kindly hot, with cooler nights like it is in this time of the year. Some traffic jams for everyone who want to come by the car at the Italian Highways gave the chance for the stopped drivers to enjoy the landscape and also to leave the main road and explore the smaller landside roads and paths. But last not least everyone arrived sooner or later. Some of them real stressed.

The track is the oldest in the Bologna area, but real nice. The location is inside a recreation area, some trees around gave their flower power leaves to the mild air and they covered the track surface nicely. In front to the main road a parking space for the normal cars and in the back a wide area to park all the campers. There is one lonely toilet and a water spring, 4 plugs to plug on all the campers. Because everyone plug his car to the next, there is built a chain and than, if someone plug on his coffee machine all is gone and the power is lost. Funny to see in the morning that the electric power is gone by everyone want to boil the coffee water. And the same story the whole day. But it is not a camping space, it is a possibility to park and the organizer was a little bit surprised how crowded this area was.



On Friday was free practise, with organized practise in the evening. Everyone was invited to this demolition derby, the drivers fought for free space at the driver stand. Luckily the new DSM radios allow this mess, so it was not a question of the frequency.

Saturday, the heats are done, 3 rounds for the qualification are done and finished, 1 heat in the morning, than the midday break and 2 rounds of qualification in the afternoon.

Sunday all the finals are done, it was a little bit a counting play to make it possible, the time began to be short. But this problem was solved, the Italians had to short down the midday break. Last not least at 6:00pm all was done and the price giving ceremony finished the event. All the days bright sunshine and warm weather under southern sun.

For the insiders it was a positive surprise that a higher number of Formula drivers show up. 23 pilots from 9 nations are noted in the results. Because the new settled EFRA rules count the EFRA GP's to the EC as a series, this was the first event and it looks like the interest is real high.

In the Formula race it looks that some drivers have too much effort to win this series, they drove with the knife between the teeth. The Referee seems some time to soft and let them go in this harder style. But this is a personal view. Michael Mielke from Germany drove his fastest lap in the final with 17:246, this time in comparison to the 1/5 final is the 5th best lap there.

58 cars in the result sheet is a good number for an EFRA GP for Saloon cars. Here also participants from 9 different European countries are present. The top was Lamberto Collari, he drove in an other sphere and was maybe not the fastest in the single lap but the fastest over all and everywhere. The fastest lap had Martin Bayer, who finished early without fuel, with 16:840, second is Cedric Prevot with 16:908 and third is Collari with 16:946, the fourth place together have Clark Wohlert and Martelli Gianmarco with 17:115.

## Results:



### Saloon Cars, Final 30 minutes

	Name	Nation	Car/Engine/Tyres	Laps	Time
01)	Collari Lamberto	I	Dynamic/Zenoah/PMT	103	30:17:526
02)	Martelli Gianmarco	I	FG Evo4/Zenoah/GRP	102	30:08:340
03)	Cedric Prevot	F	FG Evo4/Zenoah/GRP	101	30:06:656
04)	Weiser Michael	A	Harm/Zenoah/PMT	100	30:00:100
05)	Oddie Ian	GB	Harm/Zenoah/PMT	100	30:02:053
06)	Wohlert Clark	D	RS5/Zenoah/PMT	99	30:07:196
07)	Schummer Jörg	D	FG Evo4/Zenoah/GRP	99	30:12:175
08)	Pater Martin	CR	FG Evo4/Zenoah/GRP	96	30:01:661
09)	Bayer Martin	CR	FG Evo4/Zenoah/GRP	94	27:20:739
10)	Sanpietro Olivier	F	Fsr1/Zenoah	61	18:25:386



**Formula 1, Final 45 minutes**

Name	Nation	Car/Engine/Tyres	Laps	Time
01) Mielke Michael	D	RS5/Zenoah/PMT	145	45:08:681
02) Clark Wohlert	D	RS5/Zenoah/PMT	144	45:10:468
03) Cerkuti Gabor	H	RS5/Zenoah/PMT	143	45:16:275
04) Busac Luca	HR	FG/Zenoah/GRP	131	45:11:747
05) Schulthess Patrick	CH	Harm/Zenoah/	130	45:09:971
06) Cevela Drahomir	CR	FG/Zenoah/	129	45:13:795
07) Matosic Zvonimir	HR	FG/Zenoah/	126	45:08:362
08) Zitz Rudolf	A	RS5/Zenoah/	123	45:18:050
09) Bufano Aldo	I	RS5/Zenoah/	35	13:17:286
10) Webernig Arno	A	RS5/Zenoah	6	07:42:371