

## **GTC-TC Championship 2007 Third Event Dijon (F) – 22-24 June 2007**

### **Lots of spectators - but few points in Burgundy**

Uncertain weather conditions awaited Team Bastuck with their six competitors and five cars in the French Burgundy region where the third event of the new racing series for historic GT and Touring cars took place. While the number of contestants was significantly smaller than in the previous event in Italy's Misano, the crowd with more than thirty thousand spectators was huge. However, the number of Championship points scored by the Saarland group was rather low this time. The most constant performance was shown by Bernd Schmitt in his Marcos 1800 GT - he is now third overall on the current **GTC-TC '71** classification table.

**Qualifying** The weathermen had forecast rain for the whole racing weekend, but the 25 participants in the historic race event in Dijon were lucky as only one of the Free Practice sessions was held in wet conditions - the rest of the time it stayed dry. Of the five cars entered by Team Bastuck it was Bernd Schmitt in his Marcos 1800 GT who showed the best performance as he managed to qualify in 14th place. "The track was completely new to me", Schmitt explained, "but I like this hilly track with some tight corners and also some very fast stuff. The other three Marcos racing here, however, are all much faster than me - I will need to find some laptime." Donate Bastuck driving her Triumph Spitfire as well as Adi Kocabas and Rainer Bastuck in the two TR4 had a reasonably good qualifying session. Only Lothar Schu and Peter Blasen who shared a MG B this time, seemed to struggle with setup problems. A particularly remarkable achievement by Team Bastuck was the fact that Adi Kocabas' TR 4 which had been completely destroyed in Misano had been finished in time for Dijon.

**Race 1** A class victory was only managed by Donate Bastuck and her Spitfire who was alone in her GTS 8 class and just had to bring the car home safely. In GTS 11 Bernd Schmitt came fourth, behind the other 3 Marcos. Adi Kocabas and his TR 4 finished sixth, closely followed by Lothar Schu's MG B. Rainer Bastuck did not manage to finish in his TR 4: "Right after the start I had a damaged engine, something we are hoping to fix until tomorrow." The race was marked by a heavy shunt of a TVR Griffith, the driver however did not sustain any injuries.

**Race 2** Again it was Bernd Schmitt who was the best Team Bastuck finisher in the race. "This time I even managed to finish second in class as two of the other Marcos did not start", the Karlsruhe driver said. Peter Blasen drove his MGB to a fourth place in class. Together with Donate Bastuck who again scored maximum points in her class, the pair were classified as the last finishers. Both TR 4 with Adi Kocabas did not finish, Rainer's car having suffered another engine problem which had been caused by the initial failure in race 1.

In the overall classification of the **GTC-TC '71** the best Team Bastuck competitor is Bernd Schmitt and his Marcos 1800 GT in third place. Rainer Bastuck hardly scored any points this time and is currently fifth overall. Donate Bastuck moved up to eighth place, ahead of Adi Kocabas in tenth position and the Lothar Schu / Peter Blasen tandem in twelfth place who alternately drive a Triumph TR 6 and an MGB.

**The next event to the 2007 GTC-TC Championship will be held from 20 to 22 July in Assen (Netherlands).**