



## Highlights and disappointments during the Italian trip

The **GTC-TC** Championship 2007 – 2. race event in Mizano (I) 01. - 03.06.2007:

The five team members of the Team Bastuck were faced with unequally distributed racing fortune during the second race weekend of the newly formed race series, the **GTC-TC** in Mizano, which lies close to Rimini at the Adriatic Coast. Apart from securing good positions during the race, some historic metal was also deformed and damaged.

The starting grid of the second race of the **GTC-TC** Championship 2007 comprised of nearly 40 cars together with the whole starting grid of the Italian GT-series which had a more liberal application of the regulations. For instance, slicks were allowed although the **GTC-TC** cars were only allowed to use profiled Dunlop racing. However the five entrants of the Team Bastuck managed to secure respectable positions. The course was totally new to all entrants because after the reconstruction work which had just recently completed – one now drives in clockwise direction. Bernd Schmitt from the Black Forest with his silver Marcos built in 1965, is new in the troop from the Saarland and he was also the fastest of the Bastuck team. "That was just coincidence" said the pilot who lives in Karlsruhe with a twinkle in his eye. "The Marcos has a comparable capacity with Rainer Bastuck's Triumph TR4 but is much lighter." "It was good that we had the time during the free practice and the qualifying to adapt ourselves to the many Italian hotspurs" added Bastuck, the team boss. His light blue TR4 catered for overtime because it had a massive engine breakdown towards the end of Qualifying round. "It was really impressing that it was even possible to carry out an engine change on the Triumph practically overnight," commented the newcomer Schmitt.

As an exception, only one race was carried out but this was split up in half with an interruption of a 30-second obligatory pit stop where a driver's change was possible. Peter Blasen and Lothar Schu made use of this opportunity and started with a Triumph TR 6 belonging to Team Bastuck. The totally brilliant Italian weather showcased this race event. Schmitt's Marcos which usually starts off well, was a little slow and had to give way to a few positions. "But since the larger cars usually loose out on performance towards the end of the race due to their larger size and moreover have problems with the brakes and tyres, we could make good on several positions," Bernd Schmitt explained after reaching the finishing line with a very pleasant third overall position. After the engine change, Rainer Bastuck drove his TR 4 in a surprisingly constant way and under considerable pressure. He was waved in the fifth position. Blasen and Schu came in seventh in their TR 6 in an uneventful race for both drivers.

The race ended badly towards the finishing line for Adi Kocabas in his TR 4 and Donata Bastuck in her Spitfire because both were unable to avoid an oil slick which had not been indicated by any flags or whatever. Although Donata Bastuck managed to barely control her car and therefore only had to suffer a “small” damage, Adi Kocabas had to write off his Triumph after the collision with the crash barrier. “We must now build a complete new car because we can unfortunately only barely save the car,” moaned the experienced Oldtimer pilot.

The abrupt race end did not disturb the good mood in the Bastuck tent though because the team experienced another a great weekend in the middle of wonderful and amazing historic cars. “Great team spirit prevails here and we have lot of fun – I am really glad to be part of this,” enthused Bernd Schmitt towards the end.

The next race event of the **GTC-TC** Championship 2007 will take place in Dijon (F) from 22. – 24. June 2007.

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