

**THR Developments**  
**SA Historic Touring Car Cup**  
**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2008**  
**At the Shannon's Nationals**

Well what a coup.

13 days after running at Bathurst (and running as high as 4<sup>th</sup> outright) Glenn Seton is tearing around Mallala in his beautifully prepared Ford V6 Capri showing the locals how to master the track.

With only a 3 litre motor Glenn's immense skills in the little Capri kept the Bryant's, Vanderkamps, Braunes and Jarrett's at bay all weekend with cars nearly twice the capacity.

On top of that Glenn went as close as anyone has been with his lap times (1:18:44) to breaking Paul Stubbers lap record.

Friday open practice day saw a bit of rain and the entire small car brigade hoping for more over the weekend but alas it was not to be.

Saturday morning and the official practice started at 9am with 24 Historic Touring Cars on the grid with the weather fine and cool. While Glenn was bedding in some brake pads and running over 1 second a lap in front of Rob Vanderkamp and Robert Braune the scene was looking set for the weekend.

**Qualifying** was Saturday at 11.30am and unfortunately the trucks were out before!! You guessed it a blow up! Do you know how much oil a bloody big truck holds in it sump? About 2.6 kilometres worth, with oil down all around the track.

A lengthy delay and qualifying starts and after 1 lap Glenn Seton comes in and parks in pit lane and watches while the other cars are circulating and cleaning down the track. It was a slippery session at first but once the cars had done a few laps things started to settle in although all the front runners were running at about a second a lap slower than Practice.

No surprises here with Seton on pole in a 1:19:38 followed by Vanderkamp on 1:20:83 and Robert Braune with a 1:20:85. Best of the local brigade was DeLuca in the Sprint with a 1:22:14 followed by Jarrett in the Camaro with a 1:22:53 and Graham Stewart in the Torrie with a 1:23:08.

The small car brigade was headed up by Davis in the rotary with a 1:23:55 followed by Nelson in the superbly presented black 911 running a 1:23:62 and O'Neill with a 1:23:81.

This meeting was a debut for Keith Wong's new Alfa which was also superbly presented in its gloss black livery and was very quick for a new car straight outta the box.

Unfortunately not all went well for some in Qualifying with the Armstrong Mini breaking a drive shaft, Bernie Stack in Mark Forgies 911 having bad vibration problems and Rob Ford in the Mini doing a clutch. (This was just the beginning of Rob's bad luck. Read on later how his weekend went from bad to worse). The Armstrong's ended up taking the car home and replacing the drive shaft and got back before the first race, Rob Ford got the new clutch in and unfortunately the 911 of Stacks retired for the weekend.

**Race 1** was at 3.45pm on Saturday and Seton drove a great race to win but Vanderkamp kept Seto honest in the esses using the entire track and some grass but couldn't get there.

Darren Fletcher lost a fuel hose and had to retire, Graham Stewart had a difficult race complaining of understeer and took the car home for a wheel align. Rob Ford had been pushing the Mini all weekend and unfortunately on the last corner of the last lap he caught the kerb coming onto the straight and put it well up on two wheels (see photos) and when it landed it kicked him straight into the tyre wall with a big hit. Rob was okay the car a mess and a DNF.

**Results** Seton 1:20:02, Vanderkamp 1:20:17, Braune 1:19:99, DeLuca 1:20:90, Bryant 1:21:84, Jarrett 1:22:98, Davis 1:22:89, Stewart 1:22:66

**Race 2** Sunday morning at 10am the weather looked threatening with rain but unfortunately for the little cars it never came. Needless to say Rob Ford didn't start and was nursing some black seatbelt bruises. John Illingworth in the Austin did a clutch before the start and missed the race also.

The results were the same as race 1 at the front but further back Jarrett did get Bryant after some close racing and John Nelsons 911 was keeping Jason Armstrong's Mini at bay. Further back in the field Stuart Barnes Cortina, Jason Bing in the Dato and Darren Fletcher in his EH had a ding dong battle.

**Results** Seton 1:19:09, Vanderkamp 1:19:18, Braune 1:19:31, DeLuca 1:20:67, Jarrett 1:21:94, Bryant 1:21:69, Davis 1:22:76, Stewart 1:22:36

**Race 3** Sunday afternoon at 1.50pm continued to see the 3 lead cars remain the same but behind that, was some very close racing throughout the field.

Bryant and Jarrett again did battle with Jarrett triumphing again.

Stuart Barnes tried some new tyres and was very spectacular through turn 1.

DeLuca was pushing hard till he locked the rear and kissed the wall at turn 2 giving him a DNF.

Kirk Davis saw the synchros let go in the Mazda's box and father Geoff had brain fade (that's how he described it) and an off trying to hold out the Capri of Bowcock. Carey Weston in the BMW had a great dice with Barnes and Bing and in the end held Barnes out.

Darren Fletcher finished with a noisy diff

**Results** Seton 1:19:66, Vanderkamp 1:20:40, Braune 1:20:77, Jarrett 1:22:41, Bryant 1:21:50, O'Neill 1:23:82, Stewart 1:23:16, Nelson 1:24:62

**Race 4** was at 3.45pm and saw a number of cars missing with only 16 starters from the 24 at the beginning of the weekend and by the end only 14 of those crossed the line.

Seton was feeling a bit adventurous by now and started rear of field.

Although down in numbers the racing was still very exciting with Seton taking 9 places in the first lap and then setting out to catch Vanderkamp and Braune.

A couple of laps later and how good was it watching the little Capri catch and pass the big cars of Bryant and Jarrett (unless your Bryant or Jarrett of course) These two guys had some of the best racing of the weekend and were still at it on lap 7 when Jarrett lost front brakes coming into the turn before the esses at huge velocity. Luckily he managed to use the sand to keep him off the wall and while he was doing that Bryant

decided to go off in sympathy although he managed to drive it out and hold his position.

Another rear of field starter DeLuca also had a great race to end up 5<sup>th</sup> following Seton through the pack.

In the end Seton got to third and the fastest lap time but with the race cut from 10 to 8 laps ran out of time.

**Results** Vanderkamp 1:20:44, Braune 1:20:67, Seton 1:19.54, Bryant 1:21:50, DeLuca 1:22:25, Stewart 1:23:45, O'Neill 1:24:08, Nelson 1:24:24

The top 10 results for the weekend were

<b>Seton</b>	<b>75 points</b>	<b>HTCASA Touring Car Cup Winner</b>
Vanderkamp	71 points	
Braune	62 Points	
Bryant	44 points	
DeLuca	37 points	
Jarrett	33 points	
Stewart	26 points	
O'Neill	22 points	
Davis Kirk	14 points	
Nelson	12 points	

Class winners for the weekend were

**NA** John Illingworth

**NB** Jason Armstrong

Mal Rutschack

Bradley DeLuca

**NCA** Rob Vanderkamp

John Bryant

Graham Jarrett

**NCB** Rob Braune

**NCC** Graham Stewart

**NCD** Glenn Seton

Rory O'Neill

John Nelson

**NCE** Keith Wong

Jason Bing