

Driving for Excellence: Virtustream On-Track Day, 2009

The 10th annual OnTrack Day was held on September 17th at the Daytona Race Track in Milton Keynes (UK). Under the constant threat of rain 76 clients, partners and Virtustream team members faced off in a grueling four hour endurance race in state-of-the-art twin engine karts.

The event kicked off with an introductory presentation delivered by Julian Box on the latest trends in enterprise computing, including an unveiling of new client solution offerings from Virtustream. This was followed by an update on Virtustream from CEO, Kevin Reid.

The group was divided up into twenty teams each named for after a different country. The dynamic racing teams then moved on to suit up and start their engines to compete on the world renowned international circuit, suitably decorated with two very prominent Virtustream banners. The object of the race was to complete the four hour race with the most laps... and the least casualties.

The race was action packed with spin outs, collisions, penalties and all sorts of other fun. All teams survived and at the end of 4 hours, the checkered flags came out and the winners were announced.

Coming in first was Ireland (**Julian Box, Steve Oxley, David Woodward** and **Ollie Woodward**) with 179 laps, followed very closely by England (**Mark Thomas, Graham Elliott** and **Chris Fitzpatrick**) who also completed 179 laps but were 56 seconds behind the leader. Coming in third was Japan (**David Stebbings, John Stobie, Steve Stobo** and **Marissa Clark**) with 176 laps. The fastest lap was run by **Graham Swift** from the Portugal who tore around the track in a mere 1 minute 11 seconds.

An awards ceremony followed the race and the winners were presented with trophies and bottles of champagne.



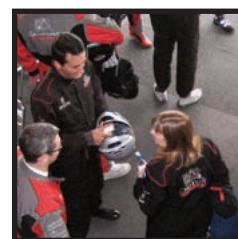
From left to right - Steve Stobo, John Stobie, David Stebbings, Marrison Clark, David Woodward, Ollie Woodward, Julian Box, Steve Oxley, Graham Elliott, Chris Fitzpatrick and Mark Thomas.

A great time was had by all. There were no casualties (egos aside), no cheating (that was caught by the track officials) and no sore losers (we all just ignored Julian's gloating). Click here to take a look at all the photos from the day!

Many thanks to our clients, **Simon Marley** from Hoares Bank, **Kevin Daines** and **Rob Harrison** from Kinnerton Confectionery Limited, **Rob Thorpe** from Kleinwort Benson London, **Jason Petrucci**, **Ian Savage** and **Gary Kendall** from LG Legal, **Jim Galbally** and **Rob Garnett** from Liberata, **David Stebbings** from Tradeweb, **David Wall** from Wiltshire Constabulary, **Robert Ferrari** and **Victor Flemons** from PRS for Music (Performing Rights Society), **Dan Roberts** from Cottons Accountants, **Graham Elliott** from AIB – Dublin, **Steve Oxley**, **Robby Bissett** and **Michael Sherlock** from Irish Life, **Nigel Mather** and **Matt Gurney** from

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