

## **Morgan Sports Car Club Park Ferme Speed Championship**

### **Round 5**

#### **Bentwaters Park Sprint**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

Possibly the first venture into East Anglia for the speed championship and the venue was a former US air base with appropriately large expanses of runways which gave us a generous 3.5km sprint.

There were 7 Morgans competing; 2 + 8's and 5 four cylinder cars including Jim Mountain's + 4 flat rad and the ex Rob Toon 4/4 now driven by John Bevan. We were pleased to welcome John not only to the championship but for what was his first ever competition.

Practise showed us that the course gave a real opportunity for fast driving and the pattern for the day was soon set with John Stevens leading the way for the 4 cylinder cars and Philip Tisdall and Tim Ayres neck and neck in the + 8's. Richard Smith demonstrated that he is determined not to lose his grip on the greengrass title with a spectacular 360 coming out of the final chicane raising clouds of dust but skilfully regaining momentum with little loss of time.

Although the weather stayed dry the wind became increasingly blustery and the afternoon's proceedings were delayed somewhat as course marker cones were being blown out of position but there were enough calmer interludes to allow 2 competition runs and these passed without major incidents.

It was great to see Jim's flat rad showing such impressive speed but it was the two + 8's which provided the best of the competition with little to separate their times. In the end it was Tim who was fastest with an excellent sub 100 seconds final run and this was also good enough to win the handicap with Philip second.

Bentwaters is a genuine 'speed' venue and is worthy of staying on the calendar but like so many it is under threat because of noise issues and we can only hope that these can be resolved.

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