

Morgan Sports Car Club Speed Championship 2007

Event Report

Cadwell Park – 16th June

Weather – Damp/Monsoon

The weather forecast promised a day of mixed conditions and we weren't to be disappointed. The early morning convoy run highlighted several areas of damp track, resulting in the first practice run being a cautious affair for many although both John Stephens and Tim Hill were revelling in the conditions, with Tim recording a time that would have beaten bogey.

As the 2nd practice runs in the earlier classes were about to start, a torrential downpour resulted in a flooded track and a temporary halt as the marshals went to work to clear several areas of standing water.

2nd practice times were consequently slower although Paul Clarke, on his first visit to the circuit, was showing his confidence in the conditions although Tim Hill, running last in class, unfortunately caught the worst of it in another downpour, as he was slowed by poor visibility, allowing Jane to better his time by a considerable margin.

A long awaited spell of sunshine delivered a rapidly drying track and with it, optimism of some improved times. Most drivers recorded times very similar to 1st practice with John Stephens charging again, closely followed by local man David Frow, pipping yours truly by only 0.07 seconds.

Tim Hill was again on charge but as he was at full stretch on Park Straight, the fastest part of the course, the internals of his engine made a bid for freedom leaving Tim wishing "if only practice times could count"!

Due to delays throughout the day due to the weather and a Renault 5 that had a major moment at the Gooseneck, the schedule was running late and unfortunately, more inclement weather was fast approaching.

In true Speedmog style, as we all strapped ourselves in and headed for the Holding Bay before the 2nd and final timed run, the weather did its worst with a downpour of monsoon proportions, another delay whilst the track was cleared and only 4 runners were then prepared to wait for the final run.

Naturally there were no improvements leaving the results from the 1st timed run as the day's best.