

Morgan Sports Car Club Parc Ferme Speed Championship

Prescott Hill Climb

23rd September 2007

Weather: Sunny intervals/cloudy

19 cars turned out for the Prescott hillclimb. Spectators on the preceding Saturday were treated to a whole days action, including Philip Tisdall in his Plus 8.

The Sunday dawned with good weather, but with a forecast for rain in the afternoon. The two practice sessions went without hitch, apart from an unscheduled stop in the gravel for Paul Bennett, trying hard as usual.

As usual the Hobden's rocket ship was flying, as were the class 9 Plus 8s of Messrs Ayres, Baines and Tisdall.

After lunch the skies looked threatening. The Plus 8s were chasing a 49.03 bogey, with Simon Baines being the quickest at 50.02 seconds on the first run. This time it was David Hobden's turn to pirouette around the track. In the second timed run Tim Ayres pushed really hard to pip Simon and Philip to fastest time at 49.67 seconds. Clive Hall was very fast in his Class 3 4/4, as were John Stephens in his Class 2 4/4 and the Hobdens in their Plus 4.

Overall winner on handicap was Tim Hill with a very quick time. As the last of the Morgans finished their run a light rain descended on the hill. As someone who forgot their roof I can confirm that the rain intensified later in the afternoon!

Those with an interest in vintage cars might be interested to know that my time in a modern engined 2 litre car was bettered by a 1.5 litre Brescia Bugatti!

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