

# Morgan Sports Car Club Speed Championship 2007

## Event Report

Ty Croes – 2<sup>nd</sup> September

*Weather – Dry - almost*

Following a complete redesign of the track since our last visit, 8 Morgans took the opportunity of entering for the Saturday event to get in plenty of practice for the Sunday.

With the Morgan class running first, no sooner had the first 3 cars left the startline on 1<sup>st</sup> practice, than a significant bang was heard from the diff' on Richard Smith's car as it tried to do the same.

As all remaining Morgans arrived back at the paddock to discuss Smithy's diff, there were similarly concerned looks from the Hobden's as their +4 had managed to evacuate over a litre of engine oil from the breather, luckily most of it being caught by the catch tank. A lengthy investigation revealed that this was caused by the lateral forces from Lawrence's cornering, so another breather connection was hastily engineered.

An otherwise uneventful day's competition, albeit with a number of trips onto the grass, produced representative times in classes 2, 5 and 9 so it was agreed that these would be used as the bogey times on the Sunday, with any missing class times being estimated.

Sunday morning began with practice only for those who had not competed on the Saturday only for the start line curse to strike again, this time with Simon Moore's throttle cable. Luckily a spare was at hand and all were able to complete their practice runs although no times were presented for Simon as he was running out of sequence.

1<sup>st</sup> timed runs produced a number of improvements with Brian Lee and Chris Bailey producing personal bests, whilst Jonathan Shanly had to abort his run due to a loose bonnet.

As the Morgans were called for the 2<sup>nd</sup> runs, the red flags went up as single seater deposited a line of oil on the racing line round the hairpin. Lunch was called whilst the marshals went to work, and as we returned to the cars to resume, Clive Glass was seen to be frantically covering his tracks in search of his car keys. As Judy returned to see what the problem was, the keys were found – in her pocket – I believe they are now back on speaking terms.

All runs were completed without drama but the results as posted did not record representative times for Chris Bailey and Jonathan Shanly – a trip to the timekeepers eventually resulted in re-runs but only for the heavens to open. Jonathan decided to call it a day whilst others pressed on, but a wet track meant that there would be no further improvements.

As the weather deteriorated even further, we retired to the presentation where Chris Bailey collected a 1<sup>st</sup> place, Lawrence Hobden a 2<sup>nd</sup> and Brian Lee a 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Simon Baines