

MSCC Speed Championship

Three Sisters 16 August 2008

As we all lined up for first practice, it seemed that we were in for typical Speedmog weather – a good downpour as we sat behind aeroscreens. Fortunately after only a few spots of rain it stayed dry for the rest of the day. In fact through the occasional gap in the clouds, the sun was capable of burning (but never enough to crack the flags).

This weeks pre-practice, ““Dangerous” Dave Simpson fact of the day”, was that he has a Blue Peter badge! He had probably used some of those skills in the manufacturing and fitting of the full width wind deflector his car was now wearing.

First practice had Karena Carden multi-tasking as she “single-finger-knitted” her wiring loom for two bends having reached and missed her gear lever! Good job husband Roger had given her the right lines following his kart racing days here some years earlier.

Second practice saw Clive Glass slowing after breaking his seat from it’s mounting and Dave making an perfect pirouette spin.

It was a busy lunch for Simon Baines who tie-wrapped Clive’s seat back together and Roy Wilkinson who was convincing himself that the original tyres still fitted to his 19** 4/4, although having plenty of tread, really need replacing so that he has at least some grip.

The first timed runs were entertaining with Dave and Roy showing tank slapping movements but it was Nigel Ledger-Lomas who put in his best time of the day to set an early target 0.94s under bogey.

As should be the case, just about everyone was quickest on their second timed run. Nigel failed to improve as he went off course, left his foot well in and nearly made contact with the tyre wall some 50 yards further up the track. “Ever-steady” Simon finished all four runs within 0.61s but it was Karena and Richard Smith who both beat their bogies by going quicker on every run. Karena had taken 9.8s off her first practice and deserved to beat her last years winning time by 2.64s to take first place from Richard in third and Nigel to clean up in second place.

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