

**MSCC Techniques Speed Championship**  
**Goodwood 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009**

Glorious Goodwood! Well OK that was next door but we did have 18 thoroughbred Morgans waiting for the off at historic Goodwood, 2.4 miles long and one of the fastest circuits in the country.

Tim Ayres was back in his newly rebuilt +8, Darren Bunn was on hand to fix any shakedown problems on the car but apparently was kept very busy helping out other competitors during scrutineering. Ian Hargrave in his 4/4 was hoping to do well on his home track and the line up was complete with the class 10 roadsters of Andrew Potter and Simon Baines.

Practice was a 2 lapper, nearly everyone driving to refamiliarize themselves with the circuit except John Stephens who managed to break his own target time from last year.

The 4 cylinder cars went out first on run 1 and all drivers improved on their practice times, some by a large margin.

By the time the 6 and 8 cylinder cars were due to go out, the forecasted rain had started and although still only light, the track was greasy, frustrating the more powerful machines, especially Simon Baines driving a roadster this year but who usually takes the honours here.

After lunch the weather had deteriorated further and several competitors withdrew especially those who were heading off to Cheltenham. John Bevan set off in torrential conditions only to return half an hour later having forgotten various items of clothing left on the fence in the pits. Mike Hughes in his lovely Tupperware 4/4 special was braving the elements with only a flyscreen for protection, not so lucky however was his 11 year old son Harvey, with no flyscreen he resorted to the early aviator look and kept his head down- hope you both got back to Cheltenham OK.

10 cars came out for the second timed run, unfortunately the marshals failed to warn the early cars that the approach to Fordwater was living up to its name with large areas of "standing water," visibility by this time was virtually zero, causing a few hairy moments on the straight, Pete Turner's +4 gave up and became a surfboard taking Fordwater corner (which in the dry is normally flat out in 4<sup>th</sup>) backwards on the grass, this did mean though that Jim Mountain in his 4/4 'luckily' got another very wet run.

Of course these antics did nothing to improve times and the first run was the best. The final results were 1<sup>st</sup> John Stephens, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Phillips, and 3rd Pete Turner.

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