

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship

Club Sprint 12th September 2010

Competitors should beware of being sidled up to by Brenda, she may not be displaying a show of affection, she could be asking you to be scribe for the days activities.

This request could not have been made more difficult by being the person to follow the simply incredible diagrammatic report drawn by Ray Eatock. Is there no end to this gentlemans talents?

However, let's get underway and to make things just a little more interesting I've included a few pictures (unfortunately as they were taken on the mobile not up to Jonathan and Chris's standard!) 36 competitors turned up to contest both the Club Sprint and as a round of the Morgan Speed Championship, this year without the Three Wheeler Club in attendance. Our wishes go out to Margaret Parkes who had to abandon her entry due to a fall by her elderly mother, we hope she is now on the mend.



Fortunately the conditions were about as good as they could be in mid September so it was probable that some new records could be set.

12 classes in all, with classes 11 & 12 amalgamated, were sure to provide plenty of entertainment. Tim Harrison was first to show he was trying with a spin on the first practice and then Chris Martin running out of petrol leaving the start line. If I hadn't done the same myself in the past, I may have thought it amusing.



After first practice it was clear that some of the target times were likely to be beaten with Ray, Chris and Rob all within a few tenths. Second practice commenced and Ray was the first to go under bogey. The first signs of a rain shower were being felt as the last few competitors were having their second practice giving Jonathan the possible thought that he may well beat Simon – the rain was in fact very light and caused no real problems.

As a spectator it was really good to be able to listen to all the wonderful sounds of the various types of cars, especially the eight cylinder cars of Mike hall and the Aero of Greg Parnell. Who knows, if someone has a good microphone we may well be able to add a sound track to these reports!



It was good to see Tim back from the racing circuit and that he has kindly offered Darren Bunn to have his first drive. Other notable entrants were the 80 year old Les Yarranton, really great to see this level of commitment at such a great age, and also seeing Doc David back on track after a long break.

And so to the first completion run – before the lunch break.

Notable were the main protagonists Ray and Rob, both getting under bogey with Gregor getting very close. The Martins troubles were back again, this time with an exhaust problem causing a failed run. Nigel Bancroft had a spin on his first run.



Second and third runs mostly showed some improvements with notable events being Lord Unstone getting back to his grass cutting ways, John Batt trying to take a shortcut over the molehill and Clive Glass taking out the cones.

All in all a great days entertainment and indeed a good support from a decent number of spectators.

Personally I can't wait to be back on the other side of the fence – next year!

The eventual winners in the Championship were 1st Rob Toon, 2nd Chris Martin and 3rd Ray Eatock.

Paul Clarke