

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship

Venue: Colerne
Date: 30th August 2010

Seven Morgans turned up to do battle at the ex-fighter command airfield at Colerne. Colerne airfield is not marked on maps for security reasons, but googling it will bring up a detailed satellite photo should you be working in espionage. Anne and Andrew Miller were double driving their class 3 4/4. In class 7 Messrs Bevan, Bryan, Dixon-Smith and Harrison were ready in their modified 2 litre cars. Meanwhile in class 11 Greg Parnell had brought along his interesting Aero 8 GTN. Rob Toon completed the field with his first venture out this year in his class 8 Plus 8.

First practice allowed us to familiarise ourselves with the course since no walking of the track is allowed and instead you receive one convoy run. Rob Toon seemed to have been unaffected by lack of practice this season as he was less than a second off bogey on 87.90 seconds.

Practice 2 showed this had worked well since everyone got markedly quicker, including Anne who took almost seven seconds off her time and Paul who reduced his time by almost five seconds. Rob Toon was now below bogey as was Gregor Dixon-Smith.

Lunch allowed us time to look at the variety of cars in the paddock including some very quick single seaters, the quickest of which were lapping in 62 seconds!

The first competitive run was confusing for Greg DS and myself since we both got slower, although changing from 2nd into 5th probably accounted for my extra time! Meanwhile Tim Harrison had got to grips with the track and had knocked 5 seconds off his first practice time. The battle was now on between Rob, Andrew and Greg DS for the first 3 places in the second run. Andrew managed a very quick 91.04 to sneak below bogey and take third place, Rob knocked 3 seconds off his time to get 0.85 seconds below target and Greg DS knocked a whopping 2.19 seconds off the time he set last year. A very quick Paul Bryan was just pushed into fifth place by Tim Harrison who had quickly got to grips with Colerne and was really motoring in his flat rad 4/4.

So a good day for all, especially for your scribe who managed to make it home from Colerne this year with an intact sump!!!

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