

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship

Gurston Down

20th June 2010

There was something else on that weekend which resulted in fewer than normal at Gurston. Only five turned up for the Morgan class. However, there was support from Alan Foster, who was competing in his MR2 whilst the +8 is off the road, and Graham Wright who was spectating.

The sun was shining and the track was dry so there was no reason for not putting in some excellent times.

The first practice runs went well with Joe Phillips only 1.5 seconds off his target and the rest of us learning the route and needing big improvements.

Second practice saw the first of the troubles. Joe used a few more revs off the start and blew the diff. Greg Parnell arrived at the top complaining of a hot clutch and we could all smell it! Sadly, Joe had to retire and we were down to four.

The first runs of the afternoon saw further improvements by Margaret and Philip Parkes and a certain red 4/4. However, Greg Parnell had the clutch slipping and recorded a slower time and decided to call it a day so that the Aero 8 GTN could be driven home (since Joe was taking up the local recovery capacity!).

Final runs saw slightly slower times from Margaret and Philip with myself improving slightly. What we really needed was Tim Ayres to tell us we could take it all flat out!

Philip was able to collect a second place trophy with myself picking up the first.

The organisation at Gurston was excellent, the paddock is open tarmac and the general facilities good. Hopefully more entries next year.

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