

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship

Venue: Shelsley Walsh
Date: 19th September 2010
Weather: Wet to damp in the morning remaining overcast but slowly drying out by the end of the day

Eleven drivers and 10 cars had entered and included most of the top Championship contenders who with just 3 events to go could be relied upon to put in some spirited performances.

First practice saw some cautious scratch times being recorded with Paul Bryan fastest with a 42.45 seeing off Gregor Dixon-Smith by 0.5. With the track drying but hampered by the occasional drizzle second practice saw an improvement in all times with the baton taken by Simon Baines who beat Paul Bryan by just 0.02 to record a respectable 38.69. Times of course would be subject to handicapping so by the afternoon plenty of thought went into finding substantial improvements in order to gain maximum points.

On a dryish but still unpredictable track, particularly the top esses which are shadowed by trees, 11 undaunted drivers took to their cars for the first timed run. Meaningful improvements were achieved by all and confidence started to return. By the second timed run the track was dry with grip returning despite the overcast conditions. This final battle saw Greg Dixon-Smith taking the top step of the podium beating bogey by 0.33 with second place Paul Bryan also earning a bonus point for beating bogey by 0.08. Ray Eatock came third on handicap thus setting the scene for a hotly contested Championship to be decided at the two remaining venues.

FTD and scratch times were as follows:-

1. Simon Baines	34.89	Roadster Lightweight
2. Greg Dixon-Smith	37.28	4/4
3. Clive Glass	37.39	Plus 8
4. Paul Bryan	37.53	4/4
5. Jonathan Baines	38.09	Roadster Lightweight
6. Greg Parnell	38.56	Aero 8 GTN
7. Tim Harrison	39.29	4/4
8. Peter Savage	40.18	Plus 8
9. Ray Eatock	41.01	4/4
10. Martyn Whaley	44.04	4/4
11. Nigel Housley	44.21	4/4

This photo of our intrepid pedallers is missing Nigel Housley.



Greg Parnell