

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship – Round 9

Venue: Aintree
Date: 25th June 2011

There was a very good turn out of 18 drivers in the Morgan class of this, the Liverpool Motor Club Jack Neal Memorial Sprint. Early morning rain had passed over by the time the competitors arrived, and the rest of the day remained overcast, breezy and just about dry.

There was time to walk the course before the drivers' briefing. The motor racing circuit sits inside the famous horse racing course. From the start there is 250m straight into the 90 degree left hand Country Corner. A short 230m straight and into Village Corner, a sweeping banked right hander that spits you out onto Valentines Way, a 450m straight. Next is Bechers Bend, a 450m long sweeping uphill right hander. The finish line is 300m along Railway Straight.

The two practise runs saw Simon Moore 0.44 under target, with Simon Baines and Richard Smith within one second of their respective target times.

The first competition run was taken before lunch. Unfortunately Granville Martin had an off, which left the fuel tank punctured, so he and Christopher were forced to withdraw their double-driver entries. Granville was heard to say: "I'm just carrying on what Christopher started at 3-Sisters last season!".

At this point there were six drivers within one second of target, promising a very competitive afternoon.

Lunch was supplemented by Michele Bailey's delicious home made blackcurrant and chocolate chip cookies. It was good to see previous Speedmog competitors Tim Hill and Roy Wilkinson who had come along to watch the proceedings.

After lunch, the second run had Simon Moore 0.4 seconds under target. Paul Bryan had been getting faster each run and in the third, he went 0.56 under target. Simon Baines equalled his class target and Richard Smith was only 0.04 over. In the fourth run, Jonathan Baines also went close, 0.07 over.

Final positions: first Paul Bryan, second Simon Moore, third Simon Baines.

The Liverpool Motor Club's excellent event organisation allowed two practice and four timed runs and we had a good day's competitive motorsport.

Simon "ShropMog" Moore