

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship

Venue: Debden
Date: 8th May 2011
Weather: Dry, Sunny, Strong Winds

Just four Morgans made the trip to this friendly and well organised event.

The course is part of a military base and the host club have no control on day to day Army activities so if it is decided to dump several hundred tons of ballast by the finishing line safety concerns dictate that there is no alternative but to adjust the course and it was duly shortened by 35 metres. This would not normally be a great concern but the adjustment was more than 1% and the Speedmog Regs determined a revision of target times according to the Twisty Sprint schedule.

The day started well with the noise tester only asking for 3000 revs so no problem there. Practice went well too with just one incident when Trevor Firmin was forced to take the roundabout the wrong way after running out of road in the braking zone.

True to form it was John Stephens who set some stiff target times for the afternoon with typically spirited driving.

By this time the day was warming up and a fairly strong breeze developed taking away the distance marker boards before the roundabout at one point which caused some consternation but nevertheless in the first timed runs all managed to go quicker apart from the writer who was inexplicably slower. Something had to be done.

The final run approached. All bets were off for John Stephens. Ian Hargrave had been filing away at his accelerator pedal to stop it locking in the full on position. Brenda rushed up to me with a chocolate covered ice cream on a stick from the Naafi wagon. Could this possibly do the trick? Yes indeed – my fastest time of the day by three seconds! Previous Speedmogger endorsements of this substance may not have been taken seriously enough and further random testing will be carried out for scientific evaluation.

Ian and Trevor both finished with good times and John, the last driver of the day, further improved his time by a half second but this was just a whisker away from regaining first place.

Even allowing for the shorter distance all had managed to drive this testing venue quicker than before which was a satisfying end to a good days sport.

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