

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship

Venue: Goodwood
Date: 6th August 2011
Weather: Cloudy

11 Morgan drivers were drawn to the high speed delights of Glorious Goodwood this year. All it seems had had an eventful journey to the this motor sport Mecca, with tales of M25 closures, errant lorry drivers and damaged trailers causing the 'locals' to have spent more hours on the road than those who had journeyed from afar. All here though and ready to do high speed battle in the all Morgan Class (in the past we have been mixed in with all manner of other machinery!).

Goodwood really is glorious! It is the fastest venue on the Speedmog calendar and one where you will certainly know how fast your Morgan will go as you hurtle down the Lavant Straight and bear down on Woodcote Corner. Fortunately the weather was fair and whilst the sea mist threatened to deliver rain throughout the day, it never came to anything, with the tarmac remaining the right shade of grey to allow us all to push on hard through the famous sequence of Madgewick, Fordwater, St Mary's, Lavant, Woodcote and the Chicane.

Scrutineering, walking the course and the noise checks all completed the 11 posted a respectable set of practice times and eagerly awaited the first timed run, only to be slightly frustrated by the lunch break being called just before we all went out. Team Baines set about changing a soft rear tyre and there was much interest in Clive Hall's 4/4 which was fresh from a rebuild and as shiny on the underside as the top!

After having all gorged ourselves on the fine food available, play resumed after lunch with Andrew Miller posting 'another' sub bogey time with Simon Baines also just under his target. All to play for on the final runs of the day which saw Mr. Miller extend his lead posting a time some 2.4 seconds below his target and Mr. Baines senior coming in second at nearly a second and a half under his target time. Brian Lee had a series of 'big moments' to come in third at 0.18 seconds over bogey, clearly 'you ain't going fast enough if you're not on the edge!'.

A great days racing at the greatest of circuits.

Clive Hall