

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship – Silverstone Stowe Circuit Report 2011

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There was a good turnout of 13 cars and 15 drivers for the first round of the MSCC Techniques Speed Championship at Silverstone. This was our second year on the Stowe circuit and no karts this time.

The event got off to a slow start and not being a permanent venue for the club was obviously causing problems for the timekeepers. There was a big field to get through with mainly Westfields, Caterhams and single seaters.

Some keen early arrivals walked the course only to find out that a chicane had been added at the end of the back straight after they had walked it. This meant that first practice would be very much a case of learning the course.

With no Morgan class we were not running all together. Paul Bryan, Martin Whaley and Paul Clarke ran about half an hour before the rest of the group. There were no times recorded for some of the early cars and a wish that no time had been recorded for most of the rest, being so far off the targets.

Second practice gave times for all and put Andy Miller achieving target time with Chris Bailey not far behind. Andy was certainly going to be the man to catch. In 2010 he embarrassed the higher classes by beating them on scratch let alone target times. By the end of practice only the two Pauls, both on 1Bs, had beaten Andy's time.

There was an attempt during the lunch break to weigh down fellow competitors. Michele handed out chocolate brownies whilst the Miller team handed out cake due to Anne's recent birthday.

The afternoon runs started on time. Most improved on the practice times and the two leaders, Andy and Chris both got under bogey times.

Final runs saw big improvements for some. Paul Bryan knocked nearly 3 seconds off his time. Paul Clarke achieved the fastest Morgan time but was still over bogey. Ray Eatock and new exhaust were clearly having a harder time in Class 6 but still wouldn't have beaten the Class 2 time.

Final honours went to the uncatchable Andy Miller with 1.17 below target. Second went to a certain battered ex works car with nearly two seconds shaved off the first run time and 0.72 below target and third place to Chris Bailey with a respectable 0.57 below target. Anne Miller came in fourth just 2.45 seconds behind husband Andy.

The top 3 were all near the top of the leaderboard at the end of last year, but it's only the first event and there is a long way to go yet.

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