

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship 2011

Event Report

Venue: Ty Croes International

Date: 11th June 2011

Weather: Dry and warm

The Speedmog Championship has visited Ty Croes circuit for several years now but has not before had the opportunity to sample the longest track configuration at this venue, the 2.1 mile International Circuit.

With 7 runners, including recent new recruit to the championship Barry Bartlett, it was set to be a busy day, learning this very fast circuit and with good weather forecast throughout the day.

First practice runs were taken with a degree of caution but by the second practice runs, times were already looking competitive, particularly between the Baines' and the Millers.

Once practice was completed, the Baines Einstein machine was cranked up to determine who had set the benchmark time. Jonathan Baines was now looking confident as the target times were announced, Simon was looking worried!

A closer look at the figures revealed that Andy Miller had set the benchmark and we could now determine all other target times.

The 1st timed runs were soon upon us and the Millers were battling hard, only a tenth of second splitting Andy from Anne. Meanwhile the Baines' were also going for it with Jonathan showing a clean pair of heels – or should that be boots – to Simon.

As the afternoon progressed, Barry Bartlett was improving with each run, his smile getting wider every time he returned to the paddock. The double drives of the Millers and the Baines' were complaining of overheating tyres on this abrasive surface, but that didn't stop the times improving with Andy Miller breaking the beam at 108.70 seconds on Run 3 for a 1st place overall. Anne had a moment on this run but saved the best till last on Run 4, finishing only 0.7 seconds behind Andy to take 2nd place overall.

That left 3rd place to decide and Simon thought he had his hands on the trophy, only for Jonathan to snatch it away by taking another 0.55 seconds off Simon on his last run.

Clive Glass had been steadily improving all day and finished the day in 5th place, with Gavin Rintoul and Barry Bartlett taking the final 2 positions.

As we departed, leaving a considerable amount of rubber behind, opinions were that this is definitely one to remember for next year.