

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship 2012

Event Report

Venue: Aintree

Date: 30th June 2012

Weather: Dry practice, wet 1st Run followed by Dry conditions

Fourteen hardy Speedmoggers ventured to Liverpool for the legendary fast and furious Aintree Sprint. After the recent North West floods our sense of anticipation wasn't only centred on the sprint as the weather forecast was also decidedly dodgy.

Practice runs, however were precipitation free, but sadly not without incident as Lord Unstone decided on a literal interpretation at Beechers and attempted to jump it..... Horses have quite a springy disposition, but sadly Morgans don't and that was the end of Lord Unstone's day and a rather expensive winter rebuild project is no doubt being planned. Our thoughts go to Richard (who thankfully was himself unscathed) and his future bank balance....

Turning to the sprinting, John B Stephens' moniker looks like it now needs to shift to Andrew Miller!!! Bits of piston now removed from the exhaust system, end of second practice saw the Duratech Flier under bogey and all were wondering how to slow him down.

We didn't have to worry as right on cue the heavens opened and all first run times showed a marked deterioration.

Sadly (oops, I mean luckily) run two was CTF (cracking the flags) and saw Andrew break bogey, with Chris Bailey, Simon Moore, and John Stephens all within a second of their target times. Run three saw Anne join Andrew under bogey, with Chris, Simon and John all improving, with Brian Lee joining the 'under a second off bogey' club, and Ray Eatock hot on their heels. In the larger engine classes Tim Harrison was showing just what 310 bhp can do with Paul Clarke and yours truly behind, but separated by only 0.02 of a second, and Nigel Hyphen Hyphen, in his first outing of the season closely following. Gavin Rintoul and Michele Bailey were also trading punches (not literally, obviously - neither Gavin nor the rest of us would be that brave!!!).

Nigel, Paul and I decided to call it a day - Paul had a party, Nigel a slipping fan belt, and me with a flight to pack for - and the rest decided on a fourth and final run. Final standings saw Andrew maintain his first place, Chris finishing with a dazzling run to end under bogey and claim second, with Anne third with her first bogey-beating run ever!

A good one was had by all (apart from poor Richard) and I write this to you from my terrace in Majorca sipping sherry.

Life can be tough sometimes!!!!

Clive Glass