

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship 2012

Event Report

Venue: Olivers Mount

Date: 29th April 2012

Weather: Wet – very wet.

WELCOME TO SCARBOROUGH! Well not this weekend. It was cold, very wet and very windy! If we hadn't had Simon's Campervan to shelter in, I am sure all of us would have dissolved.

First practice was the quickest we would get all day with competitors posting respectable times ---- for a wet track. Second practice was even wetter! John Stephens slid off at the hairpin, reversed back onto the track only to be 11.5 secs off the target time. Simon, Jonathan and Clive were all on treaded slicks - 'Khumo Ecstas'. All were complaining of aquaplaning. Simon also slid off at the hairpin. It was that wet, we should have called the LIFEBOAT.

As for the timed runs, most of us went even slower. By then it was really chucking it down. Us Northerners are a hardy race, and we kept going up the hill, even through lunchtime, until Auto66 organisers called it a day after the second timed run.

Michelle Bailey must be mentioned in 'dispatches'. Not only for her excellent Brownies, but she ended up 5th overall in the Morgan class.

In between runs, we all ran to Simon's Campervan where hot tea and sympathy were administered to the wet and weary and the entertainment came from Clive and Judy Glass.

To round off the day, Simon's Campervan got stuck. It's offside wheel was slowly digging towards Australia, when a 4WD Mercedes was found, and after giving it a hearty tug, pulled it from a soggy Oliver's Mount.

Happy days!

John Stephens.