

## **MSCC Techniques Speed Championship**

**Date: 7 October 2012**

**Event: Prescott**

**Weather: Warm and dry (especially good for October)**

Although it was a misty start to the day for the final hillclimb of the 2012 season, the forecast was a good one, and the nine Speedmoggers in attendance at Prescott were looking forward to an entertaining day out in some Autumn sunshine. Greg D-S was competing at his home circuit, but he had not been allowed a day off from marshalling, he was seen in his 'official orange outfit' during the day undertaking marshalling duties. The Parkes Dept were also on duty, marshalling at Ettores, with Margaret fresh from her successful hiking exploits in South America in aid of Help for Heroes.

The paddock sported the return of the Red Baron with the Baines's driving Julie's Plus 8, in Jono's case this being the first time he had competed in this car. The mist was still clearing and the top of the hill was still very wet, with water running across the Esses at the turn up to Semi-Circle. First practice runs were generally taken cautiously in view of this, apart from Nigel Housley who recorded a fine 63.54. Official results showed NTR for Chris Bailey, but he thought he had recorded 59.6 to top the pile ahead of Greg and Nigel.

Second practice runs saw everyone going faster, with Jono over 5 seconds quicker, Simon 4.96, and both Ian Hargrave and Alan Foster taking over 3 seconds off their previous runs, proving the hill wasn't as wet as first feared.

Lunch interval saw visits to the Speedmog camp by former competitors Phil Tisdall with wife Sue, Tim Ayres and Rob Toon. There was a major disaster in the paddock when the tin containing the new recipe Speedmog treats was dropped. Fortunately the 5 second rule was flexibly applied and many hands rapidly retrieved the goodies, to be consumed later during the afternoon.

After the first timed runs, the top of the table was Chris by 0.02 from Greg, and then Alan by 0.1 from Simon, and Nigel H only a tad behind them. Nigel LL was finally having a good day out, with no car issues and having recovered from his bad back. Second and final timed runs were quickest of the day for most of us. Final standings were 1<sup>st</sup> Chris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Greg and 3<sup>rd</sup> Alan. However, the competition was fiercest at the bottom with only 0.1 separating the bottom 3 of Jono, Ian and moi.

A most enjoyable day in the glorious Autumn sunshine.

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