

MSCC Techniques Speed Championship 2012

Event Report

Venue: Wiscombe Park
Date: 29th April 2012
Weather: Very, very wet

“Devon, glorious Devon” . . . cynics add “where it rains six days out of seven”. Not wholly fair but there is a grain of truth in the belief that it does seem to rain on some hill climb weekends. But the Championship target times indicate it can be dry and glorious.

The non-MSCC Championship event on Saturday was run in damp, windy and showery conditions with the new surface providing more grip than expected, particularly when fully wet rather than just damp. Our new ‘cheap’o gazebo’ proved it worth except that it tried taking to the air in mid afternoon: ratchet straps and bigger pegs needed!

Four Morgans had entered for the Sunday event. Clive Hall and Paul Bryan had closely monitored the very definite weather forecast and concluded that the journey to Devon was unlikely to result in an enjoyable day’s motor sport and withdrawn their entries. As it turned out, a wise call.

My day started with the Facet fuel pump going on strike 100 yards from the B&B - thank heavens for convenient barns. But the spare was in the tent at Wiscombe . . . Thanks to good friends, with pump replaced we arrived at Wiscombe in time to meet competitors leaving, the decision having reluctantly been made at 10.30 to abandon the meeting. I’ve never seen Wiscombe in such a state with the lower part of the track resembling a river. Ian Hargrave’s 4/4 looked quite lonely in the paddock, Ian having volunteered to help recover a GT6 which had taken to the woods below Castle Straight the day before, fortunately with no serious harm to the driver.

So clearing up in the pouring rain was the next job - carefully watched by an attendant duck!

It can only get better . . .

Alan Foster