

## **MSCC Techniques Speed Championship**

Goodwood 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2013

Weather: fine and dry

Seven Morgans turned out to take on the high speed experience that is Goodwood circuit.

The experience is something like this.....

Start line, when the light goes green, engage first gear, light's green 4000rpm, engage clutch, launch, GO! wheel spin, not too much don't bog down. Accelerate 6500rpm second, accelerate third! I'm aiming to left, entry to Madgwick third, fast, change to fourth through the corner, hit the second apex, accelerate carry speed into Fordwater, its fast here, let the car drift to the left, make speed, flat, keep flat the kink is coming, it arrives, its not a corner (tell yourself that again!) hit the apex on the right THAT IS FLAT, carry the speed, right kink again I'm heading for St Mary's, lift, just a little don't loose the speed, St Mary's looms (Moss crashed here, remind yourself that you WILL NOT!) get the car back to the right, Brake Change down to third, turn in, grip, accelerate through, GREAT, let the car drift to the right, bring it back to the left, take fourth, accelerate!! Lavant is ahead, two bends, but treat it as one, over the brow brake, back to third, enter towards the left, clip right, drift left, clip kerb three quarter along, keep the curve accelerate through the bend, build speed, clip right and carry speed into the Lavant straight, 6500rpm take fourth, flat, accelerate, keep accelerating 100mph, 110mph.. you'r now going as fast as the car will ever go, redlining in top! The kink is coming, its not a bend, keep flat, FLAT! you know that you want to brake too early for Woodcote, so don't lift yet, keep flat! OK now brake, take third, turn right, get the apex, let the car drift left, touch the kerb, the Chicane is next, position the car, brake a little, Right-Left POWER, the finish line is in sight, ITS HERE!

Now brake, slow, the guys in the orange suits with the yellow flags want you to! turn right into the paddock lane, Now Breathe, again breathe, that was FUN, FAST fun. Park the car get the time, a new record?, was it that fast?!! a personal best?

Well that is what it is like for your scribe in a modified 4/4, faster still in Simon Baines' Roadster, but not so fast for Paul Bryan during practice though, as he was baulked by a slow moving Triumph having caught it up by St Marys. Paul Weldon was acclimatising to the circuit and John 'B' Stephens was out to regain the class record from Brian Lee.

The two lap practice all done, Ian Hargrave set about improving his time, down to 115.75seconds by the close of play. Steve Dickinson also improved to 107.07 seconds in his Plus 4. Paul Bryan remained consistently fast at a smidgeon over 101 seconds throughout, now he had got that TR out of the way! Simon Baines came in fourth overall on handicap, but setting the fastest scratch time of the day for a Morgan at 96.19 seconds. Paul Weldon acclimatised fast in his TR engine Plus 4 to beat his target time, coming in third overall. Clive Hall came second with a new class 3 record of 102.12 seconds and yes John 'B' Stephens not only regained the Class 2 record but took the overall honours with a run that was over a second under the target.

A great day's motorsport at an iconic venue that is steeped in motorsport history.

Clive Hall