

## **MSCC Techniques Speed Championship**

**MIRA 25th May 2013**

**Weather:- Pleasantly Sunny for a change**

There was a good entry of ten speedmog competitors for the championships annual visit to MIRA, the top secret testing establishment situated on the A5 just outside Nuneaton. The weather decided to be kind to us for a change, remaining pleasantly sunny all day. The course at MIRA is challenging and fast, demanding power, a degree of bravery and a smooth style to achieve good times.

The organisers format was to complete three practice runs before lunch, with two competitive runs in the afternoon. The consensus of the speedmog competitors was to include third practice times when deciding final points awarded for this event.

The first and second practice sessions ran smoothly, with no great surprises, as John Stephens appeared in control, followed by Simon Baines, Clive Hall and Chris Bailey with Rudolf. However there were some gremlins in the timekeepers equipment, but unlike last year only the speed trap was affected, giving out spurious readings and awarding John B a new UK LSR of 385mph, in his CVH powered 4/4. A remarkable car.

Third practice session times were to be included so the competition for championship points began in all seriousness! However John Stephens was not taking it seriously enough, and did not continue his practice form, being marginally slower than practice, his close rivals all improving.

A leisurely lunch break was taken, enjoying the sun and Michele's excellent crisp brownies. Conversations ensued about the meaning of life, fishing, definitions of pump fuel in circuit racing, is green tea better than full fat coffee when motor racing and wine racks.

After the long lunch, the competitive afternoon runs began, the whole process taking some while due to a number of breakdowns, making it a long day for us as we were the last class to run.

The final result was a deserved win for John Stephens, who was under his target time on his final run, with no other runners achieving that feat, but Clive Hall and Simon Baines were close, 0.64 and 0.99 secs respectively, giving them a decent score on the new percentage points scoring system. This new scoring system is good, in that it gives clear transparency of driver performance on the day, so take pity on the also rans and don't look too closely.

All best times for the top three were all done in the afternoon runs, so that keeps it uncomplicated. So concluded an enjoyable days motorsport for all, with much close competition throughout the field.

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